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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high-school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!



PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN: SIX MONTHS AGO...

The Ultimatum Wave has destroyed New York City. With no warning a massive tidal wave crashed down on the island of Manhattan killing millions of people in the blink of an eye.

Many of the world’s iconic heroes died in the tragedy. It has been revealed the wave was a terrorist attack by the mutant, Magneto.

When the tidal wave subsided, Spider-Man helped search for survivors in the watery hell that was midtown. For a while it was believed that Spider-Man had not survived.

J. Jonah Jameson, publisher of the Daily Bugle, was witness to Spider-Man’s last day of heroics. Jameson wrote what he thought was Spider-Man’s obituary: a powerful piece praising Spider-Man’s unique brand of heroism.

Today, Peter is dating Gwen Stacy instead of Mary Jane and working at a mall food court instead of the now defunct Daily Bugle. Mutants are outlawed and the growing threat of the mysterious Mysterio takes the life of the once untouchable Kingpin of Crime.

All that and after all these months, Johnny Storm, aka the Human Torch, reappears at Peter’s doorstep, exhausted and homeless.



THE NEW WORLD ACCORDING TO PETER PARKER

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No more Wilson Fisk. No more Kingpin of Crime.

You don't have to thank me. You could thank me, but you don't have to.

Also, you have no idea who I am or where I am so sending me a gift basket would probably be more difficult a task than it's probably worth.

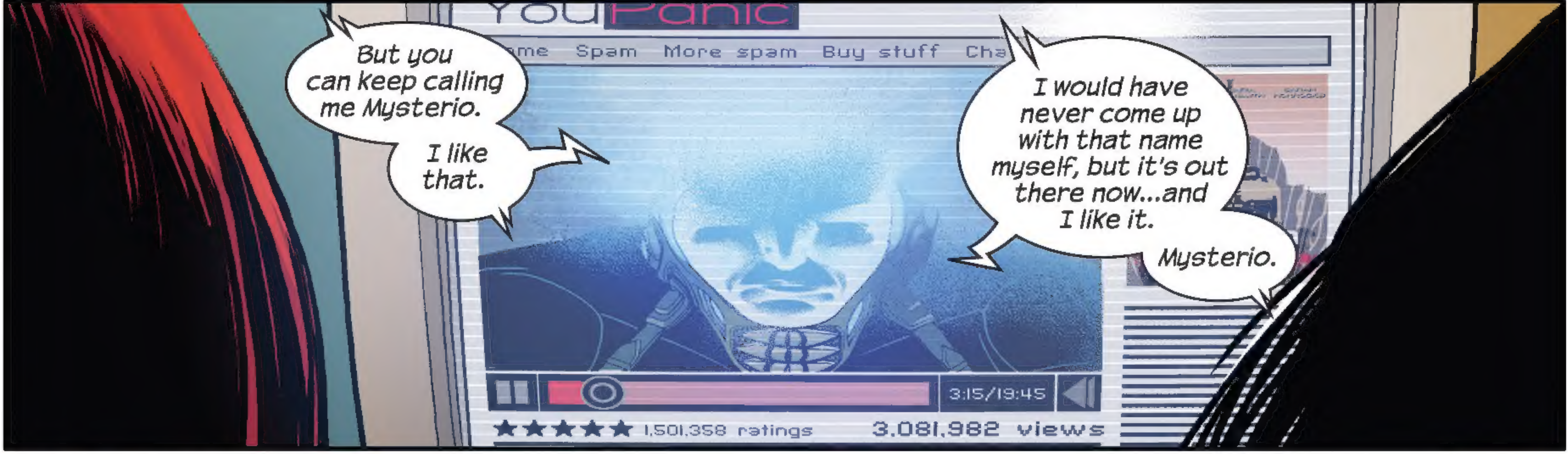
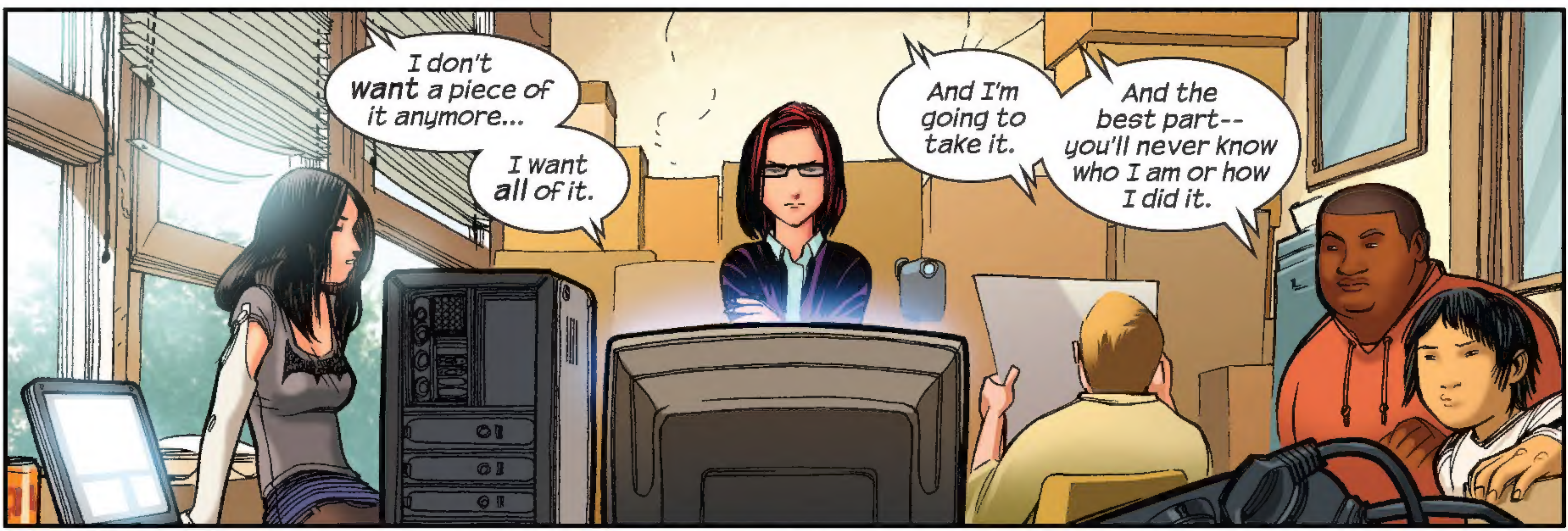
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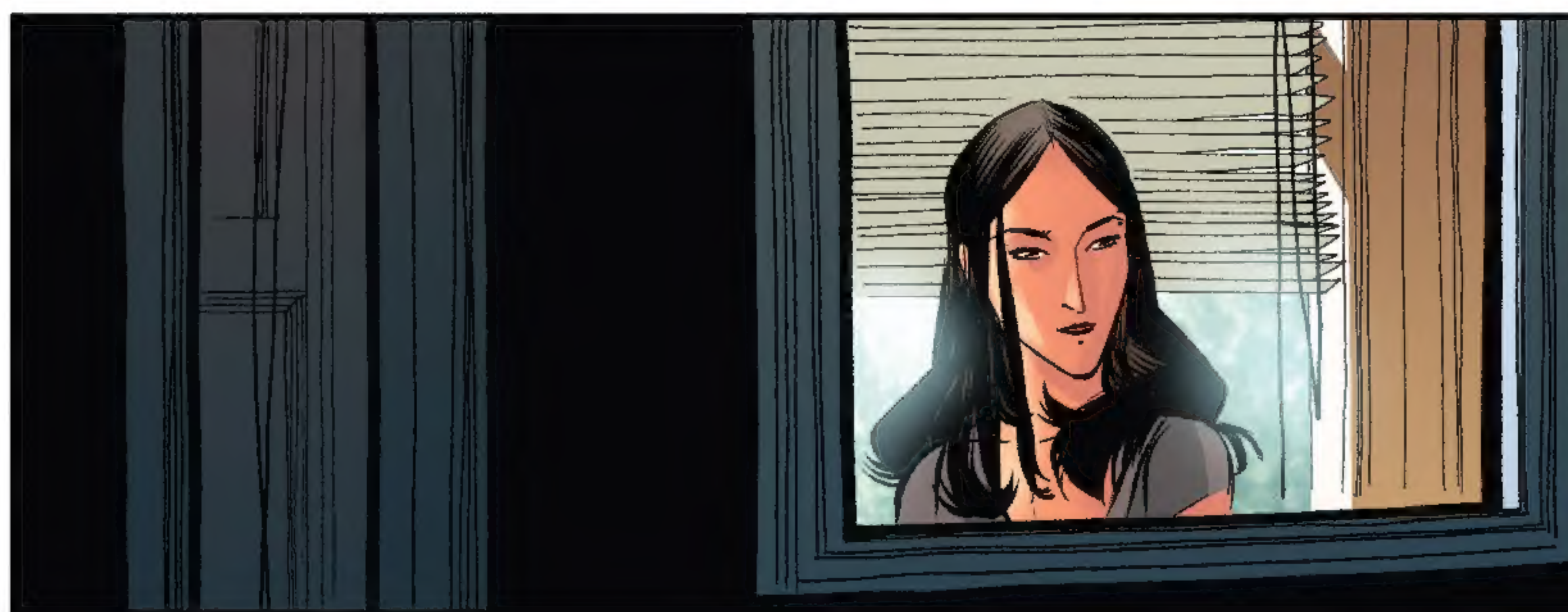
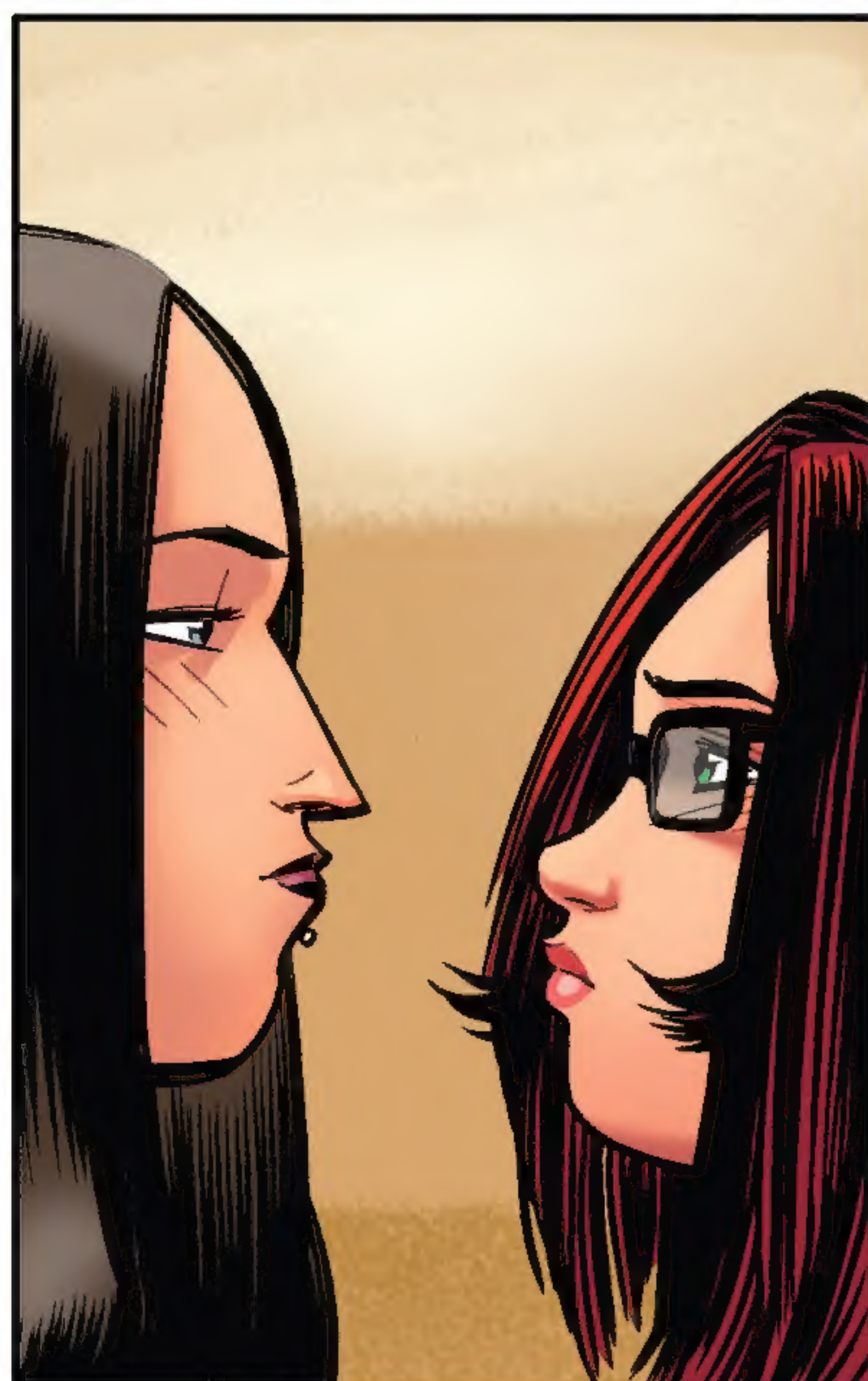
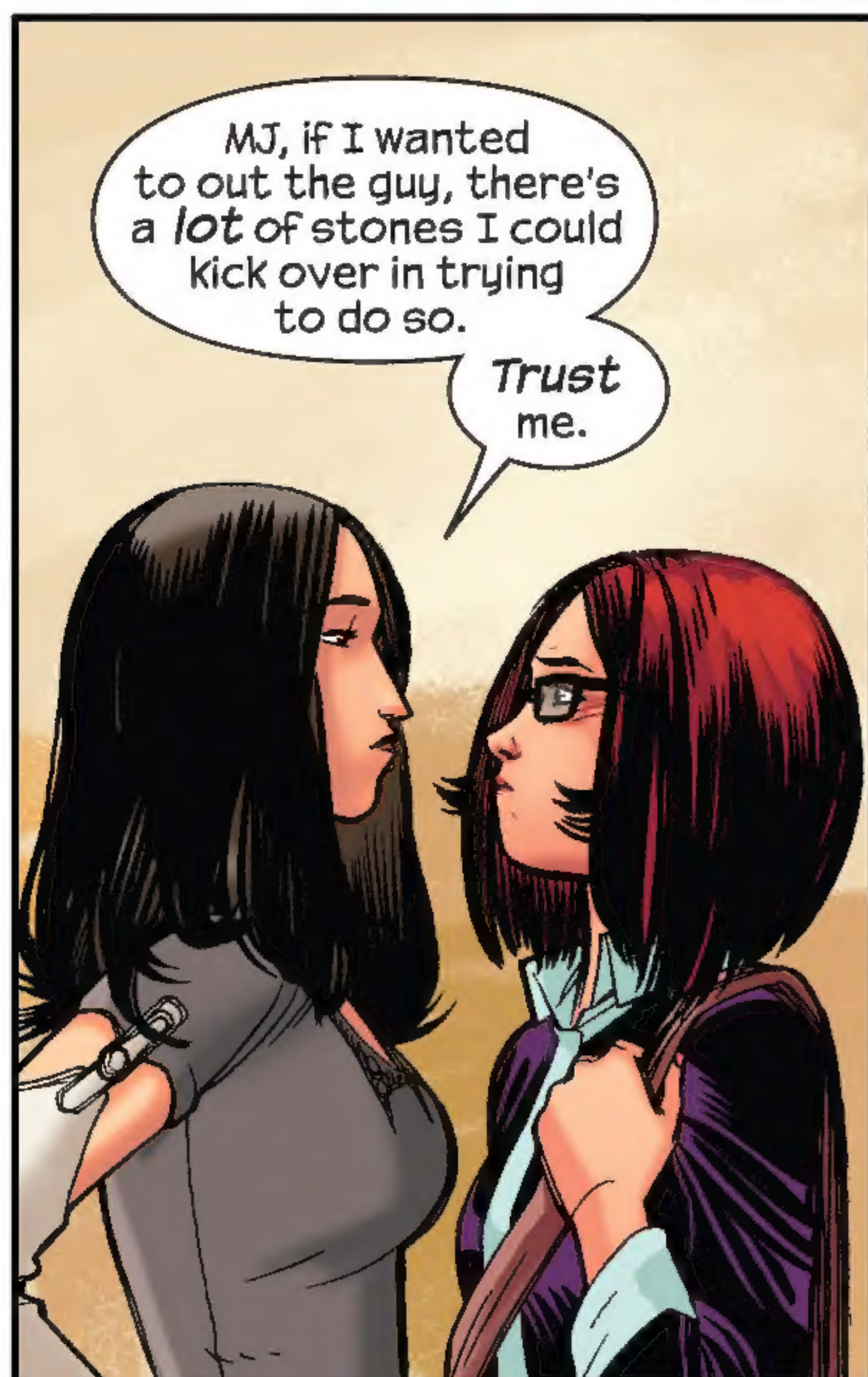
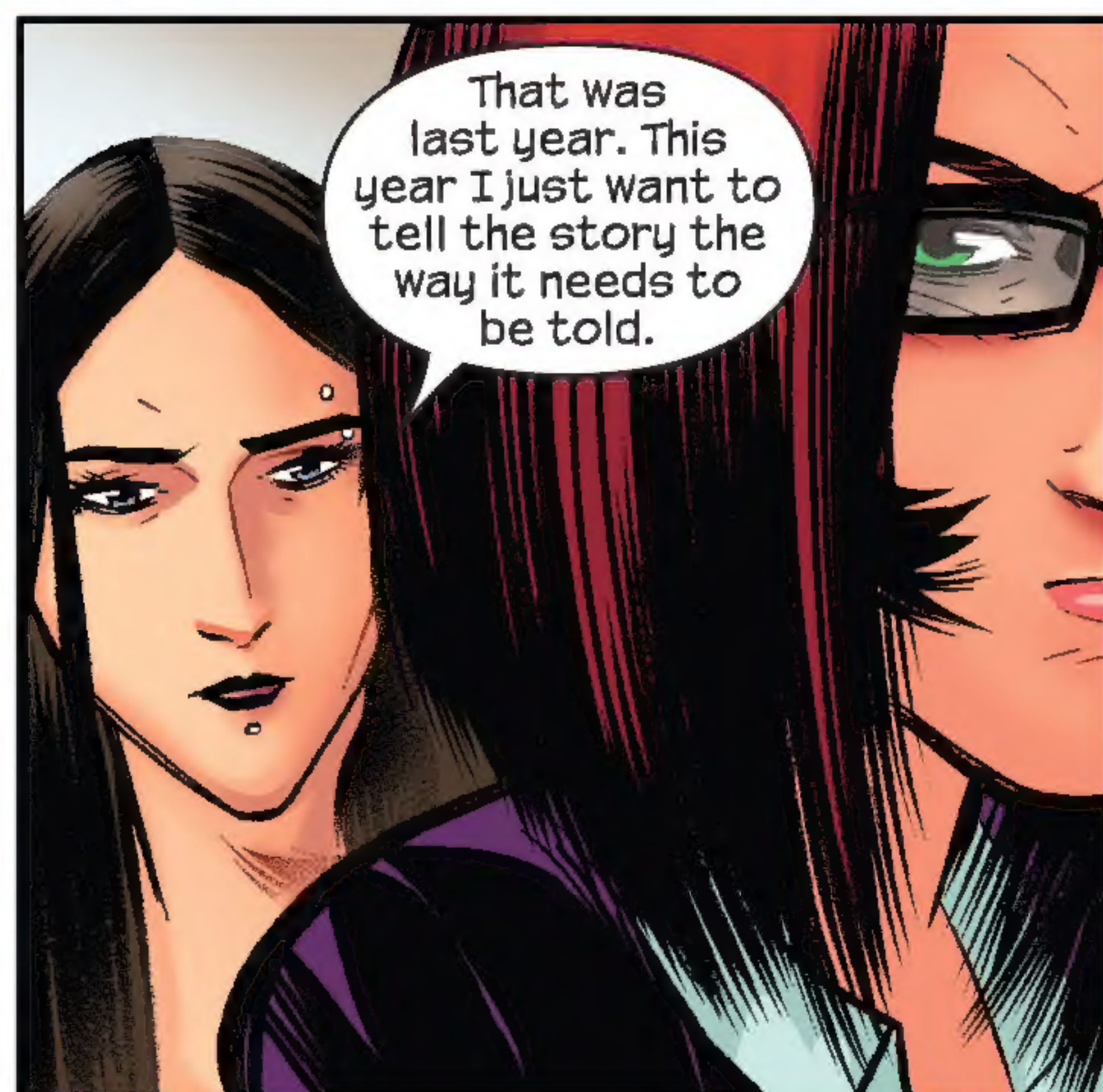
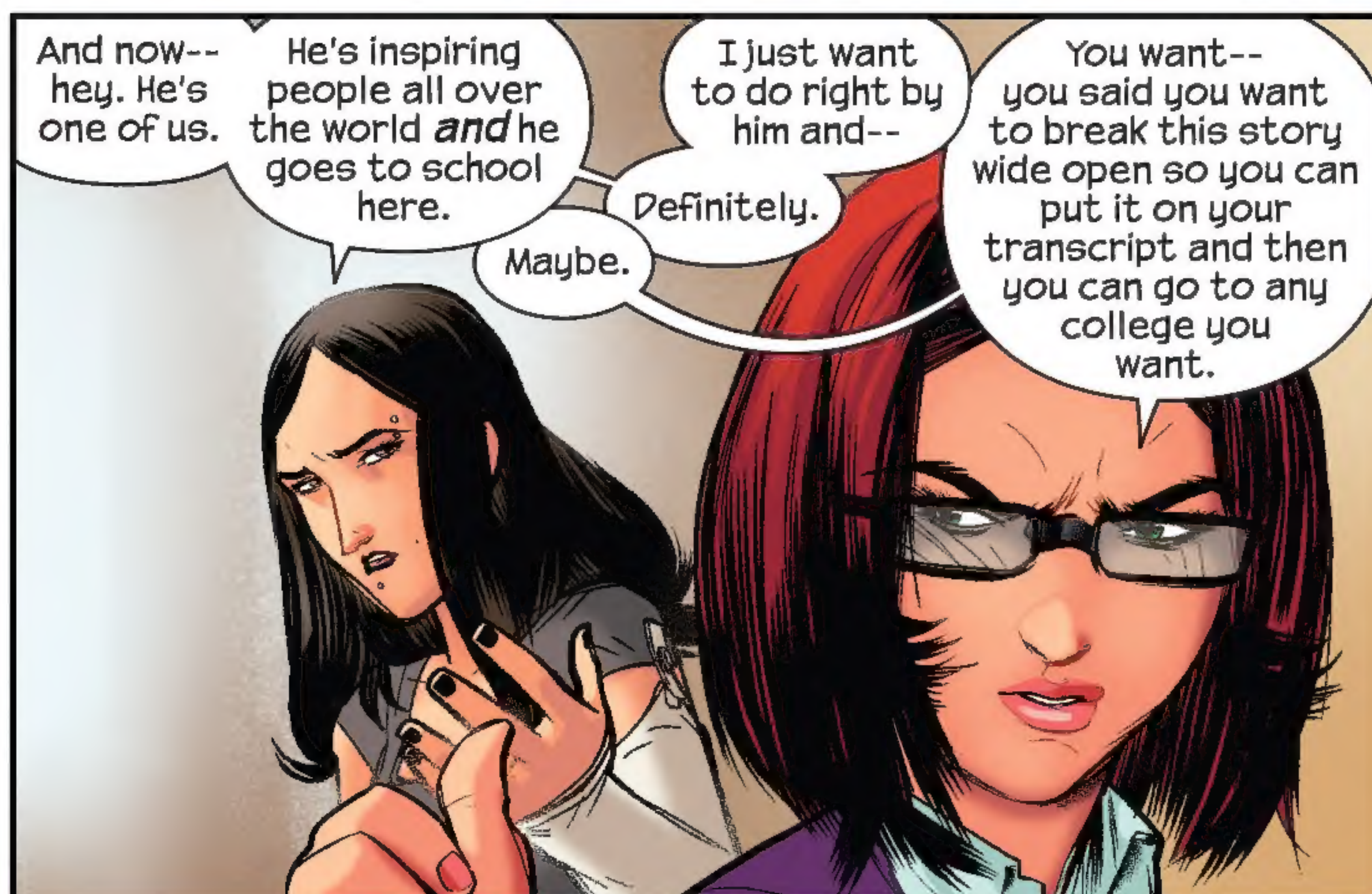
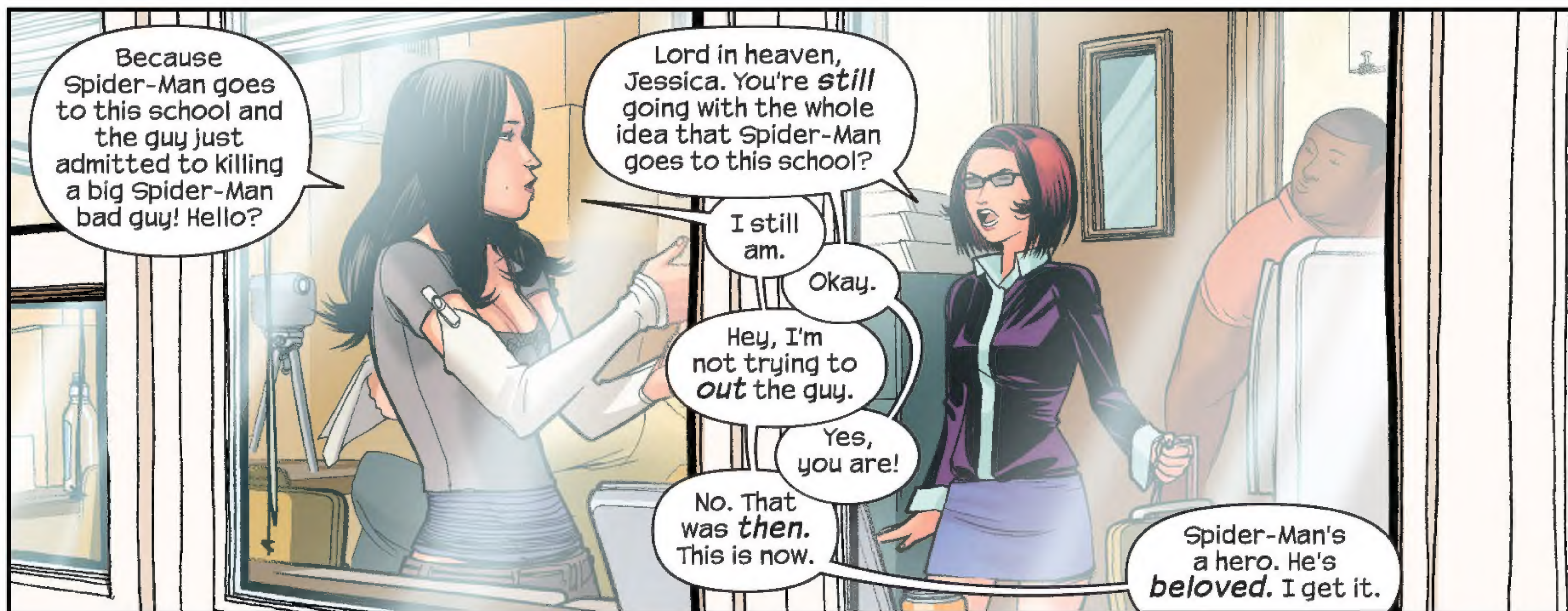
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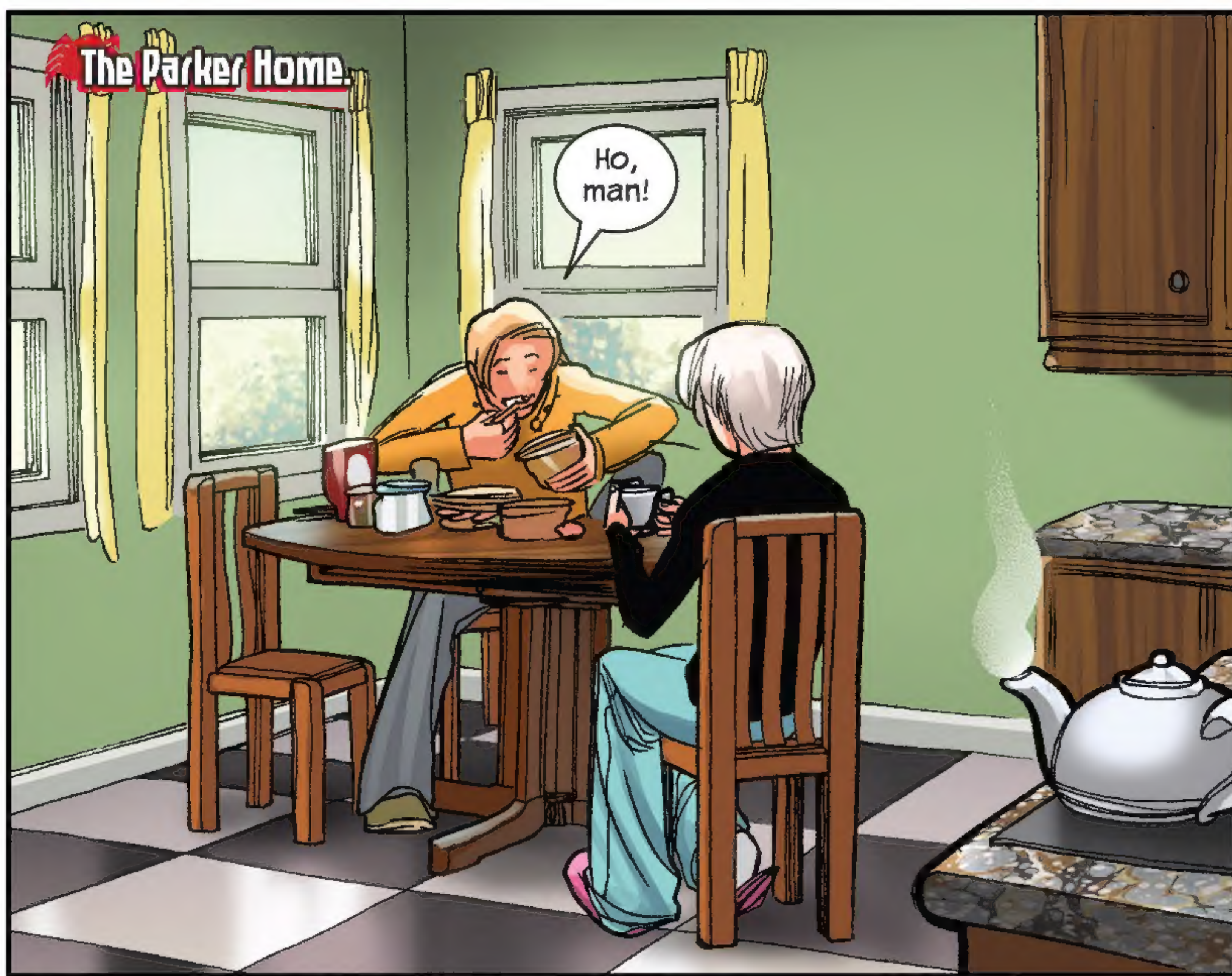
I wanted a little piece of the pie.

My piece. I wanted to boss around a couple of people dumb enough to let a guy like me boss them around.

But after all we've been through. After we've seen the world literally rip itself in half, I realized:







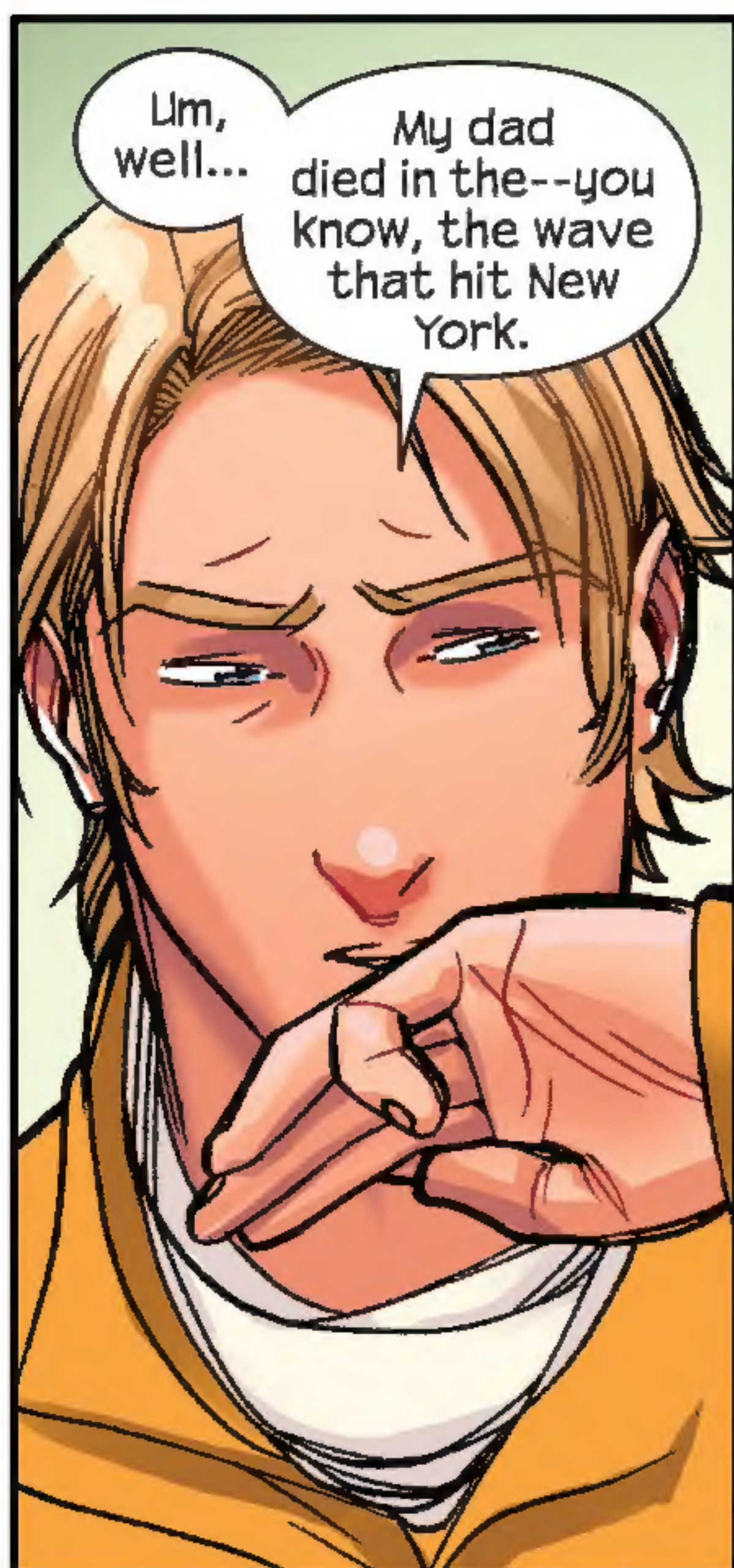
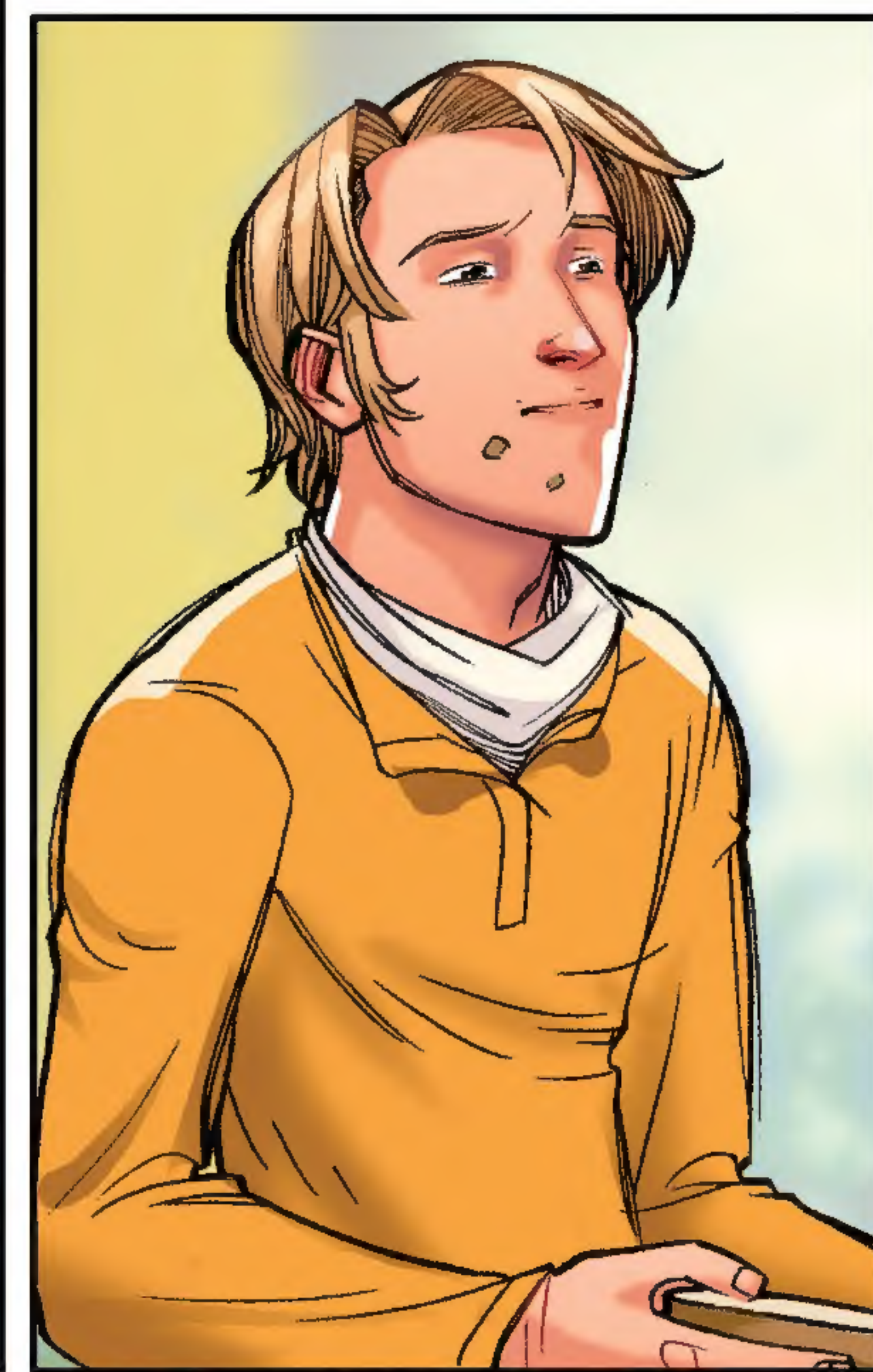
Ho, man!



Didn't realize I was this hungry.



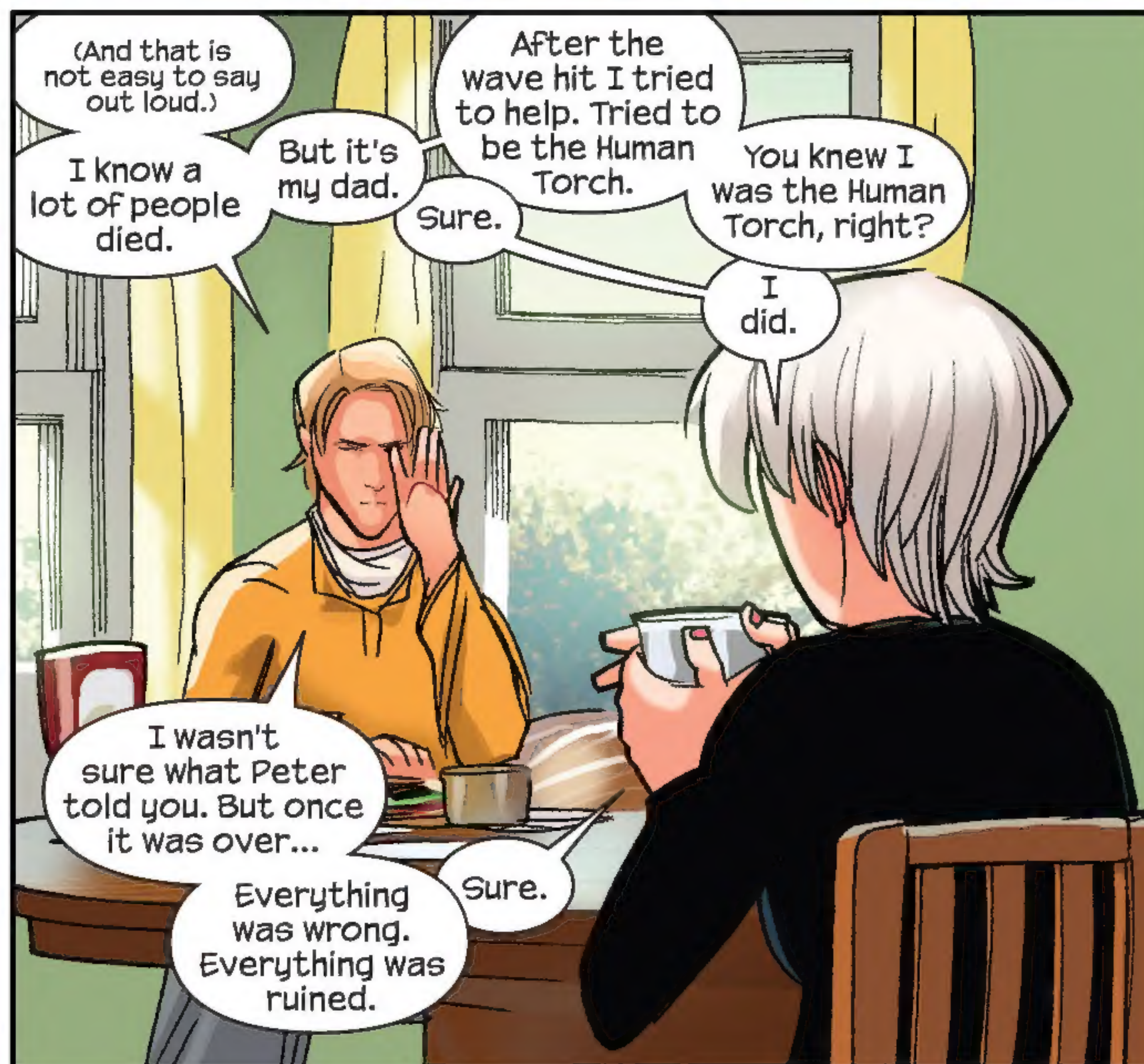
Johnny, where've you been?



Um, well... My dad died in the--you know, the wave that hit New York.



Oh.



(And that is not easy to say out loud.)

I know a lot of people died.

But it's my dad.

After the wave hit I tried to help. Tried to be the Human Torch.

You knew I was the Human Torch, right?

I did.

I wasn't sure what Peter told you. But once it was over...

Everything was wrong. Everything was ruined.

Sure.



I packed a bag and I left the country.

Honestly, I was in such a fog I didn't even realize I was in Italy till I got there.

You know?

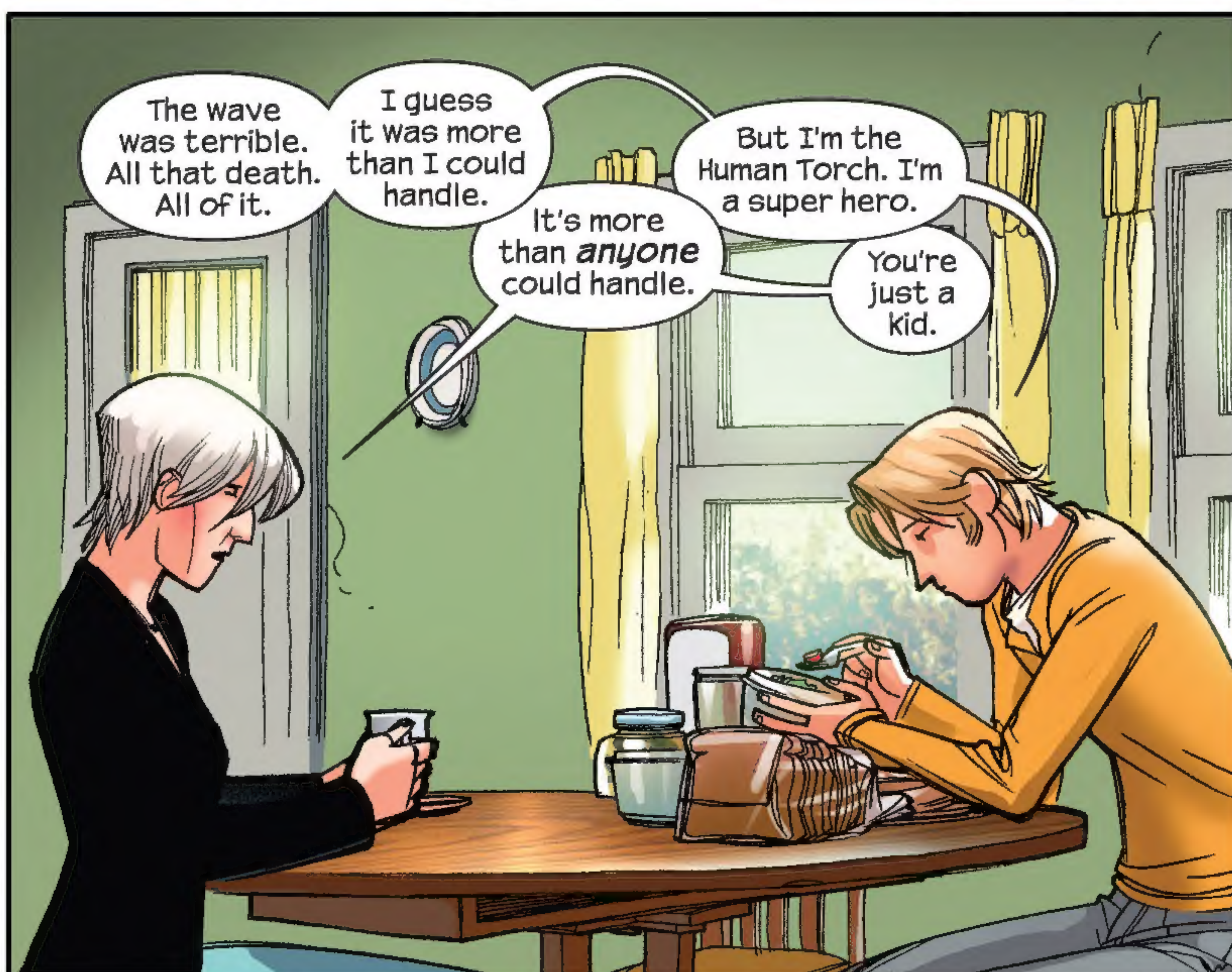
Has that ever happened to you??



You were in shock.



Maybe.



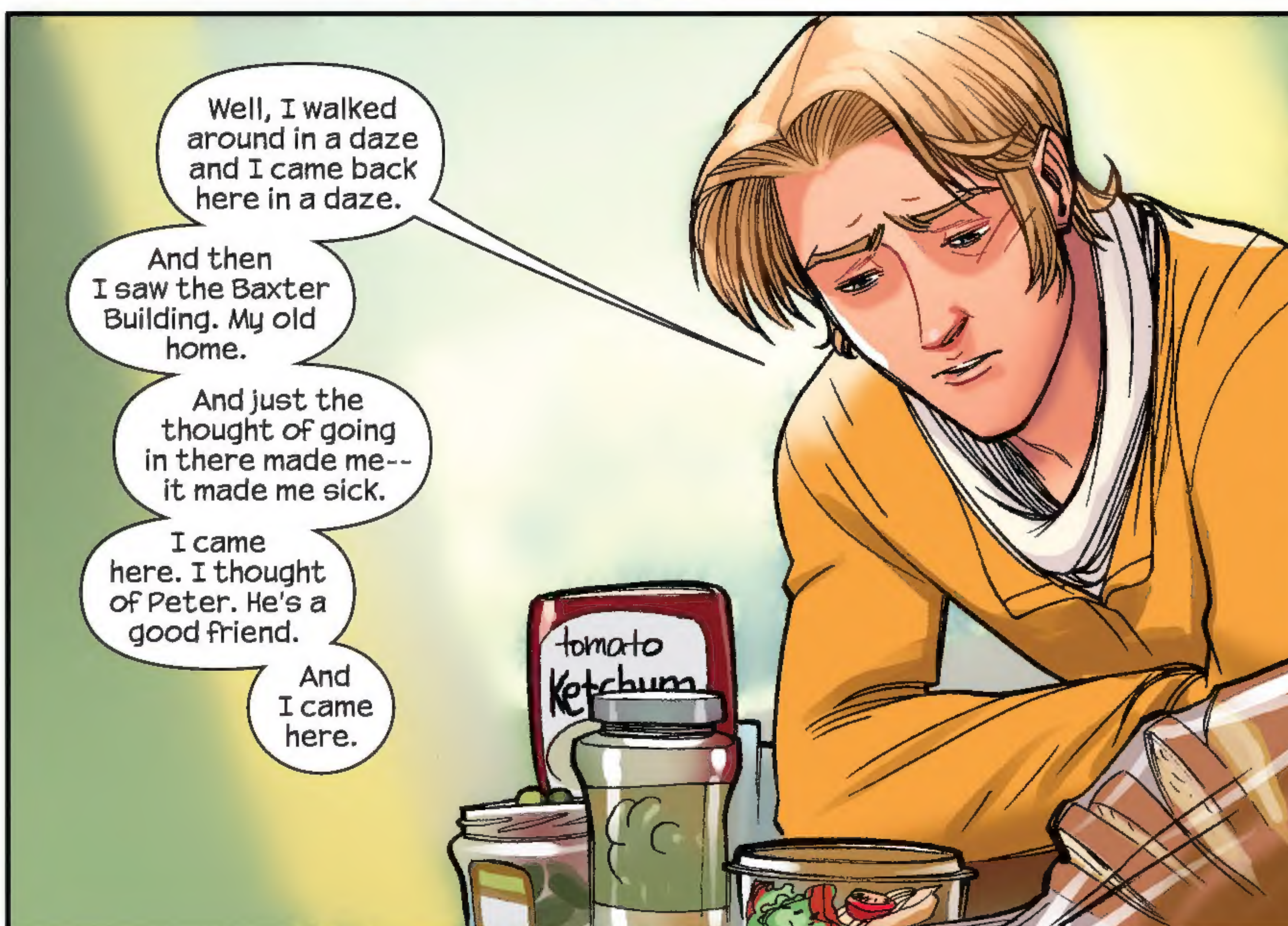
The wave was terrible. All that death. All of it.

I guess it was more than I could handle.

It's more than *anyone* could handle.

But I'm the Human Torch. I'm a super hero.

You're just a kid.



Well, I walked around in a daze and I came back here in a daze.

And then I saw the Baxter Building. My old home.

And just the thought of going in there made me--it made me sick.

I came here. I thought of Peter. He's a good friend.

And I came here.



When my Ben died--

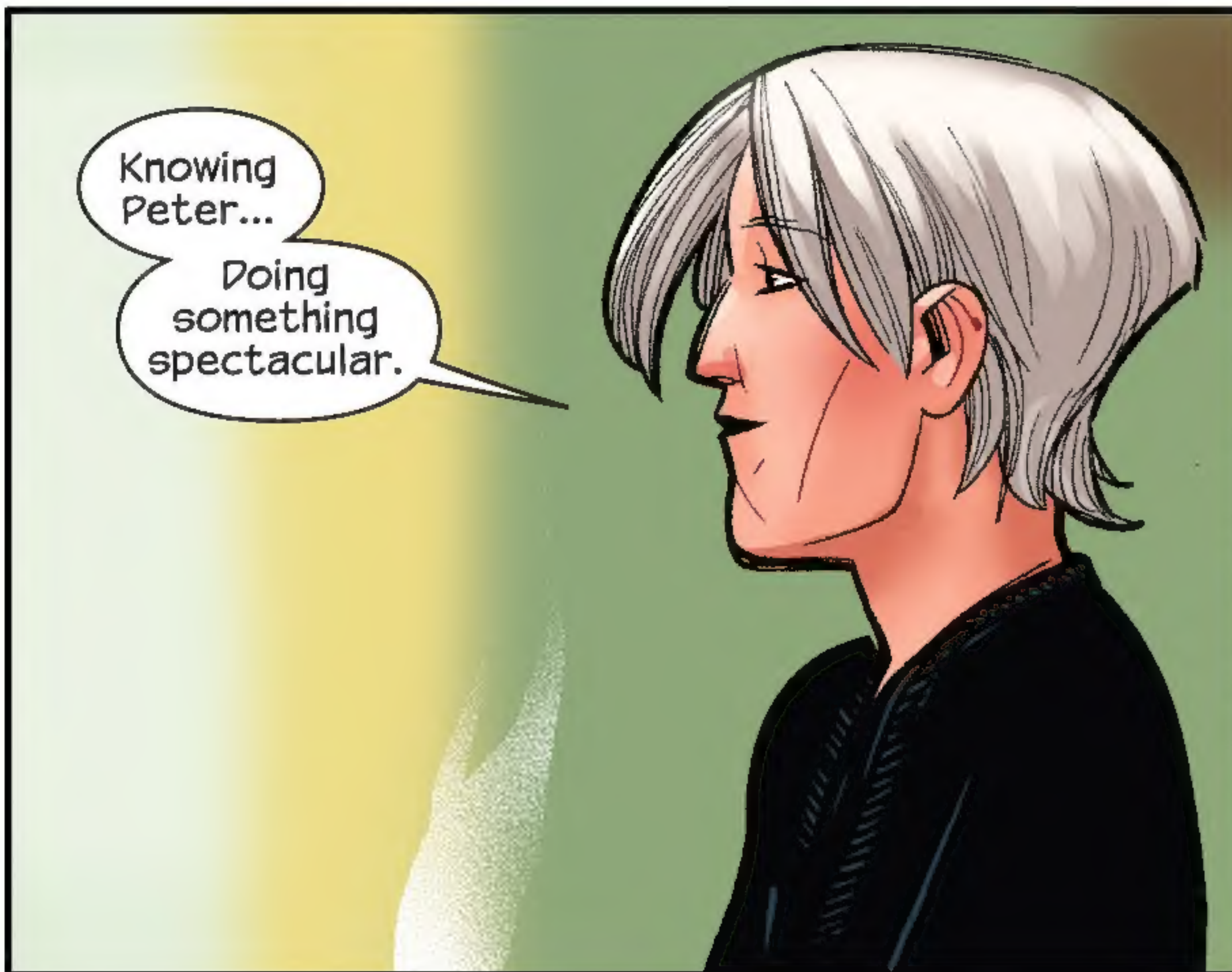
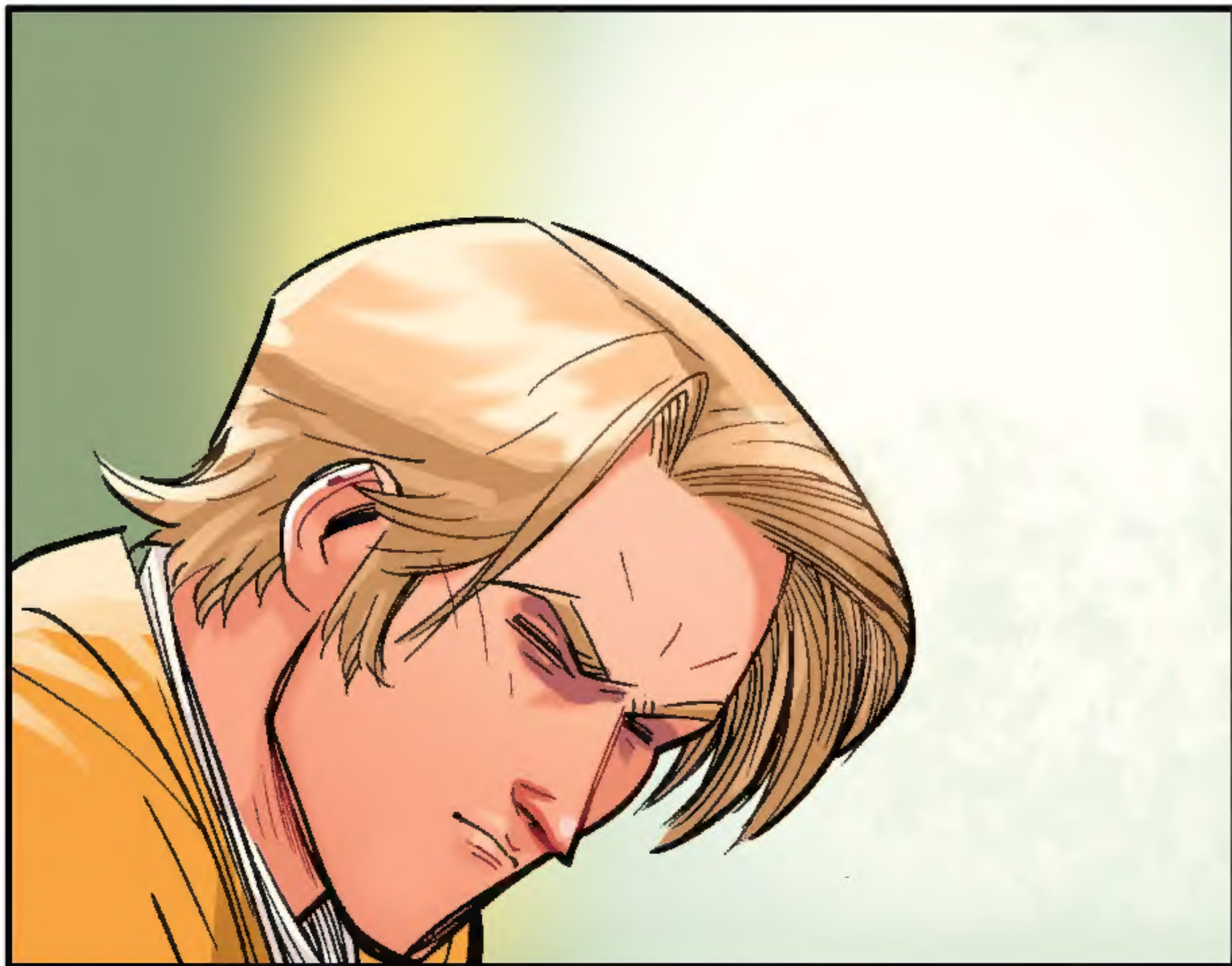
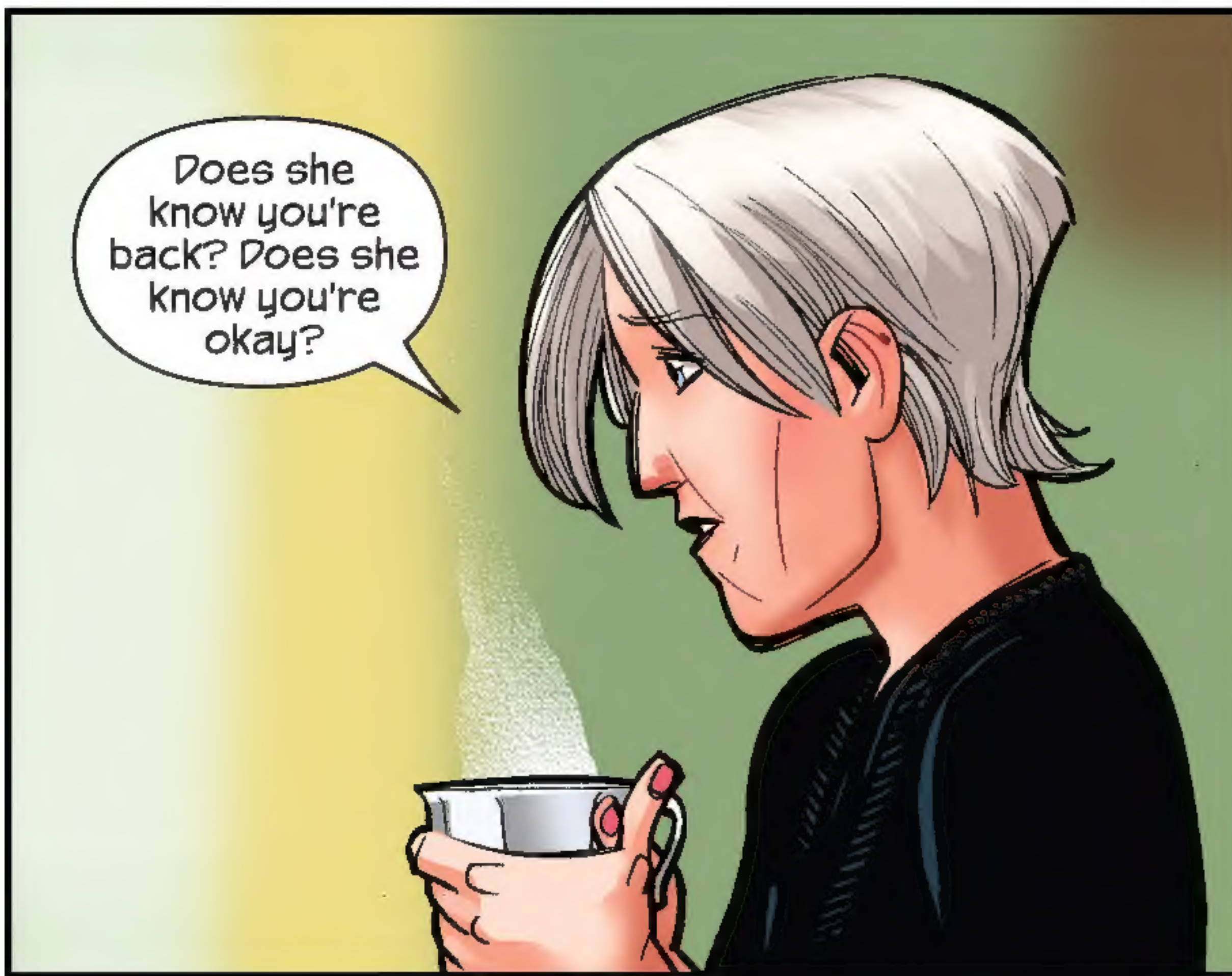
In the wave?

No, this was last year--my husband died. A burglar killed him. We had to move. I couldn't live in that house.

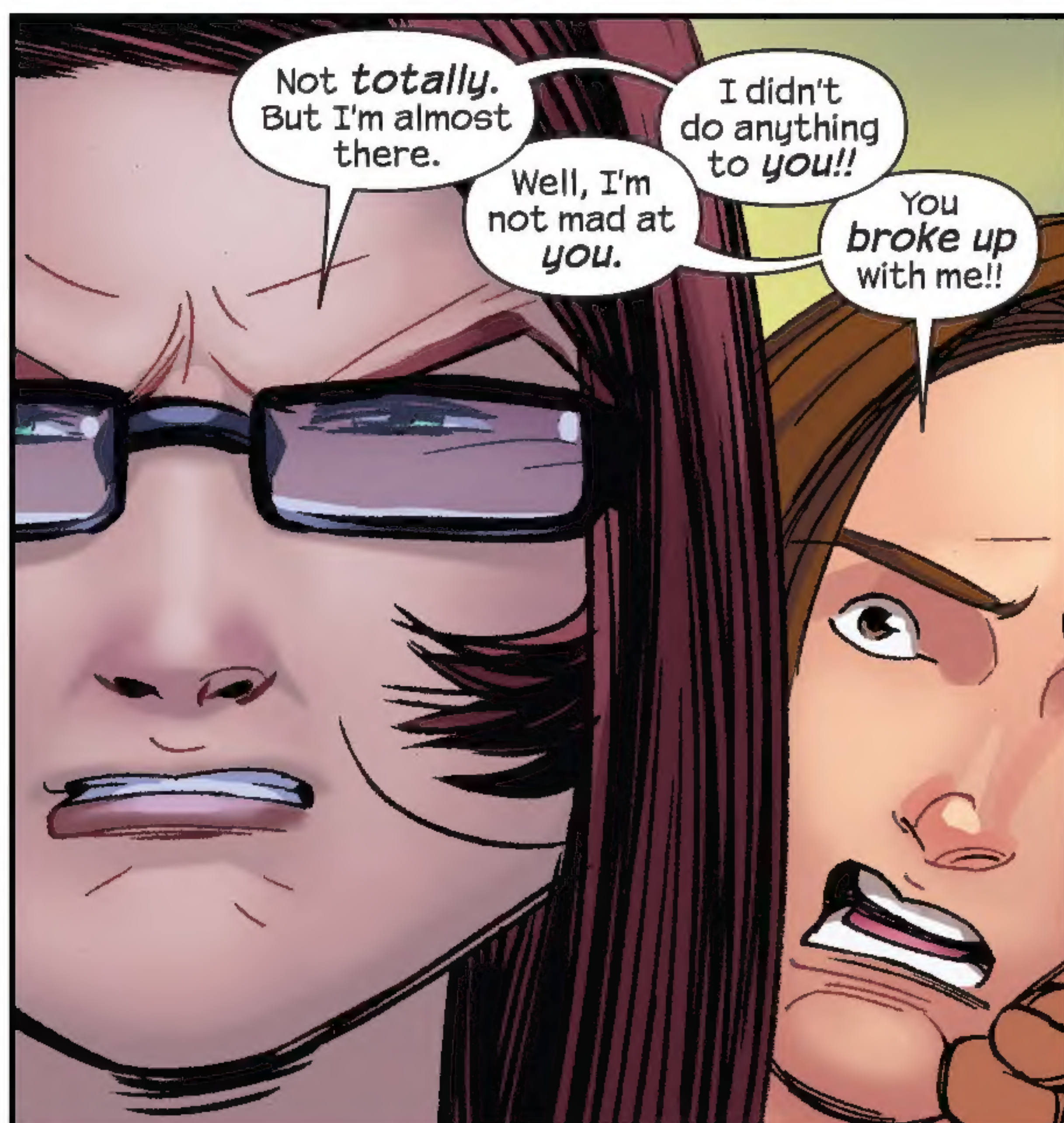
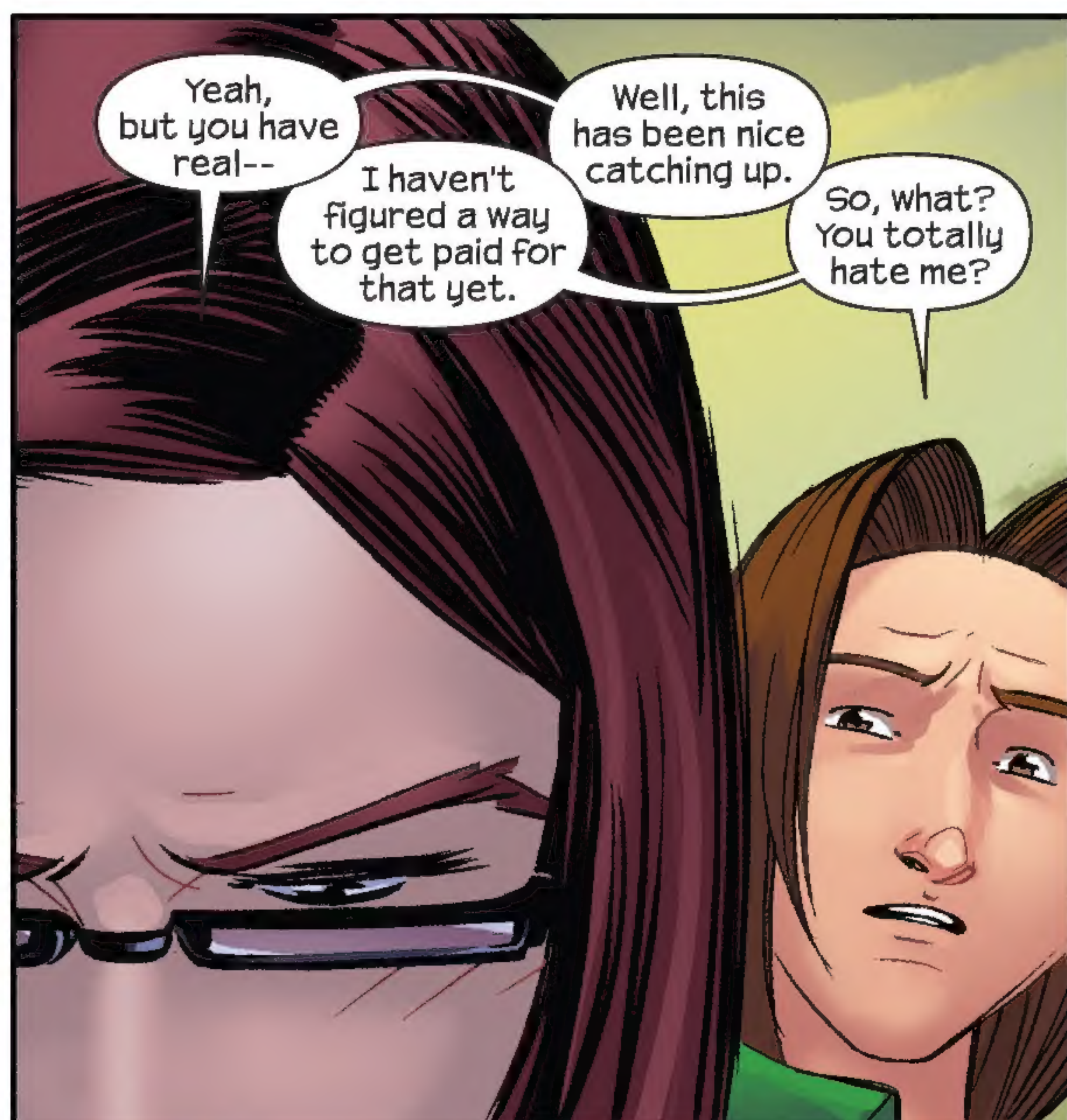
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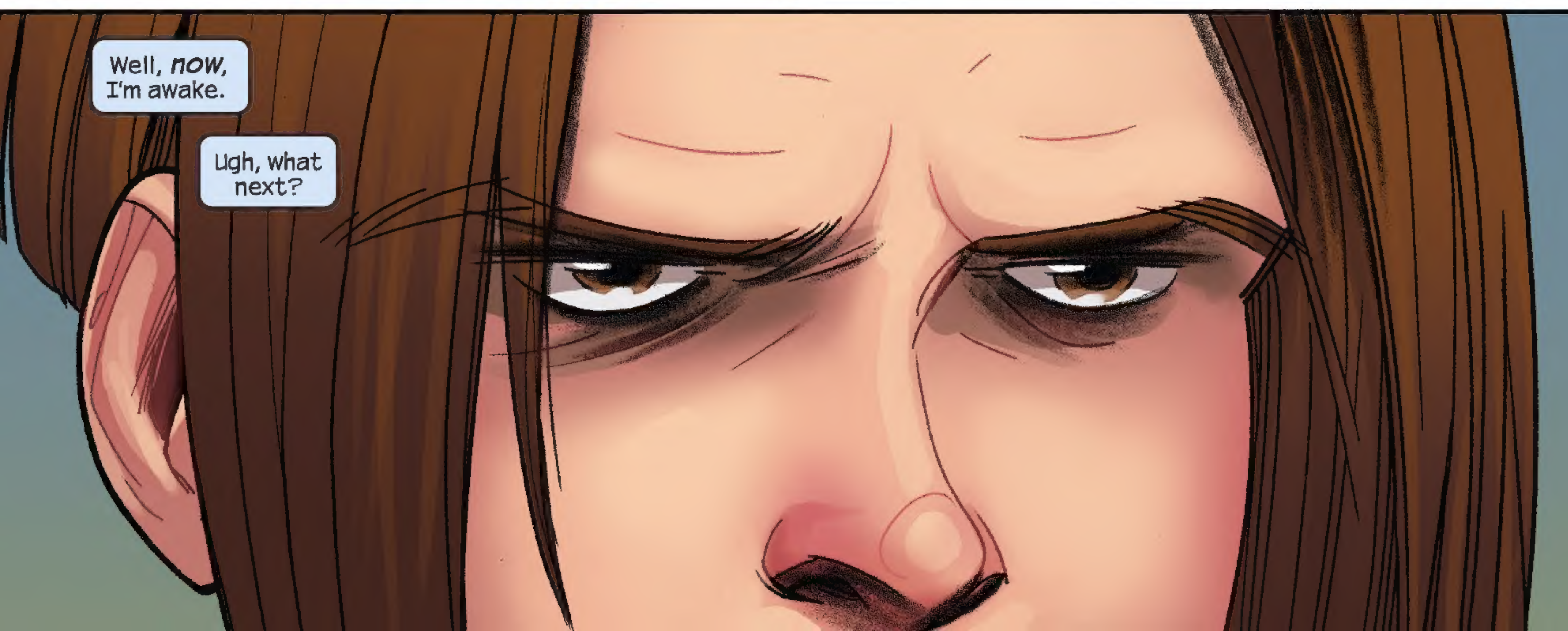


Do you have any family left?











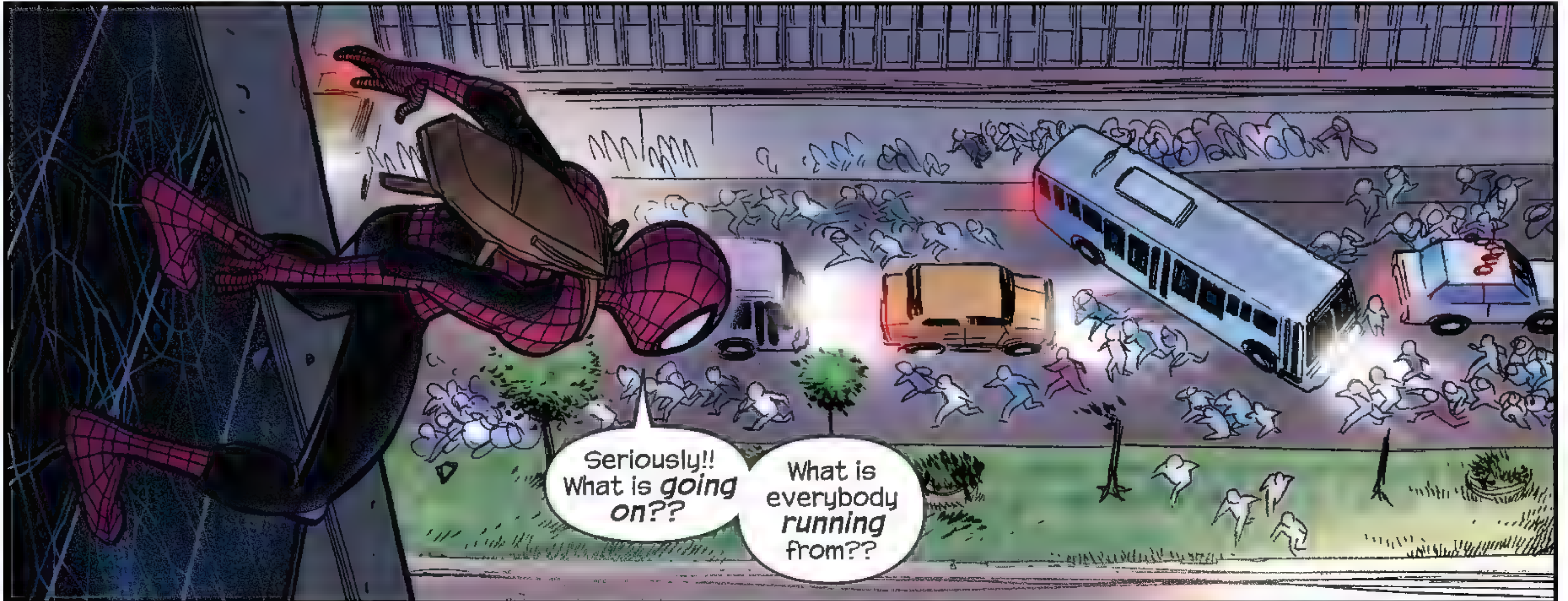
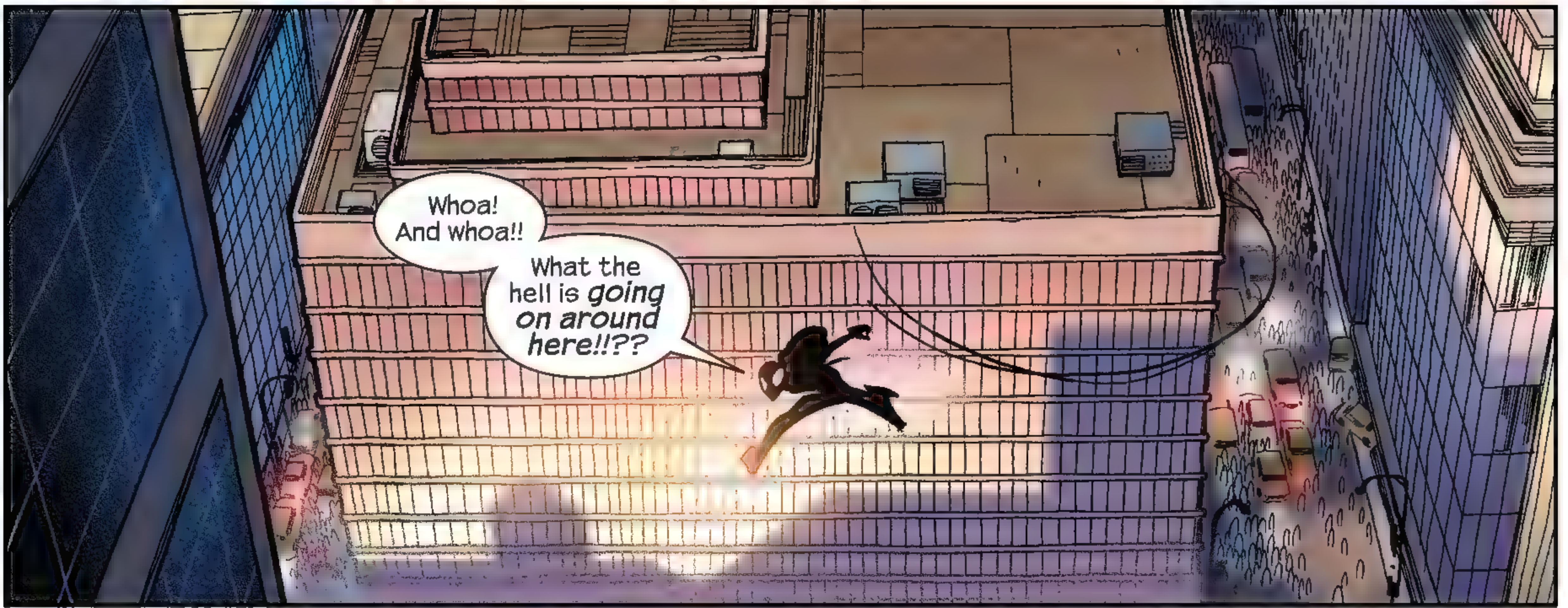
Oh my
God!! Oh my
God!! I hate
this city!!

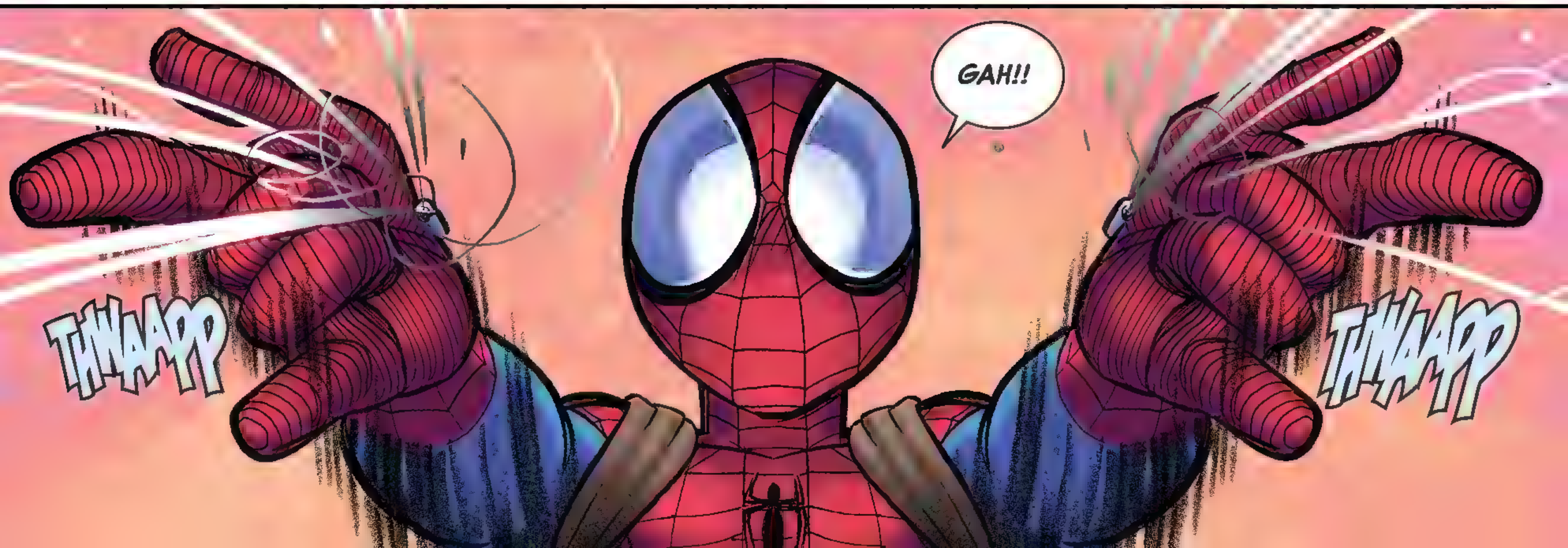
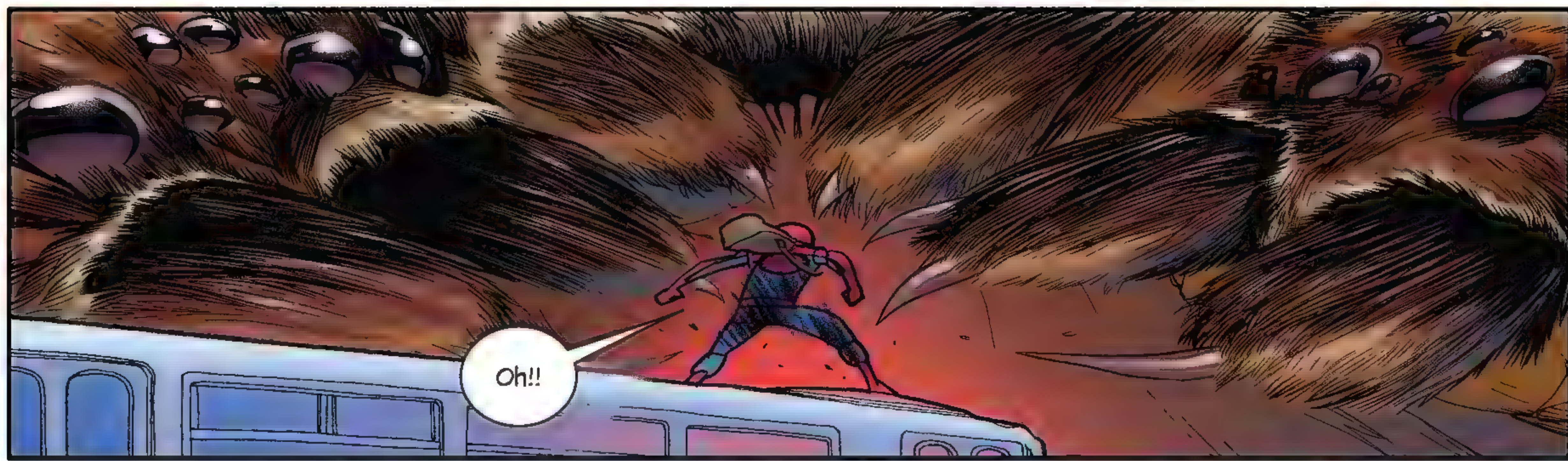
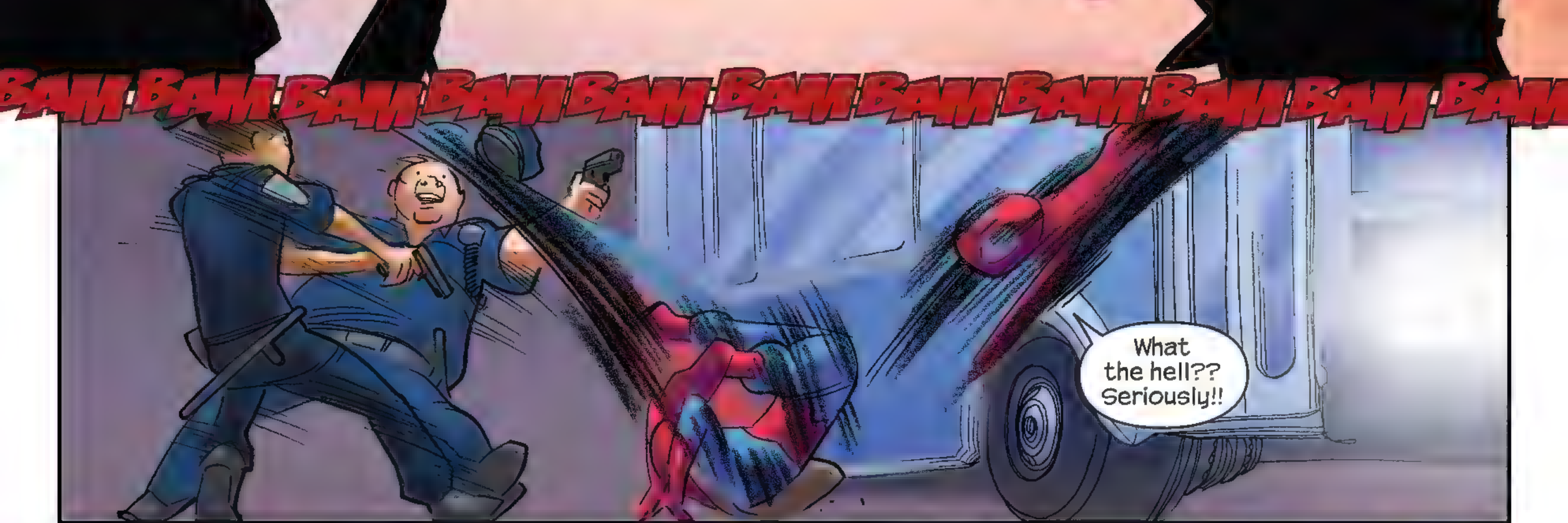
Oh
please,
Lord!!

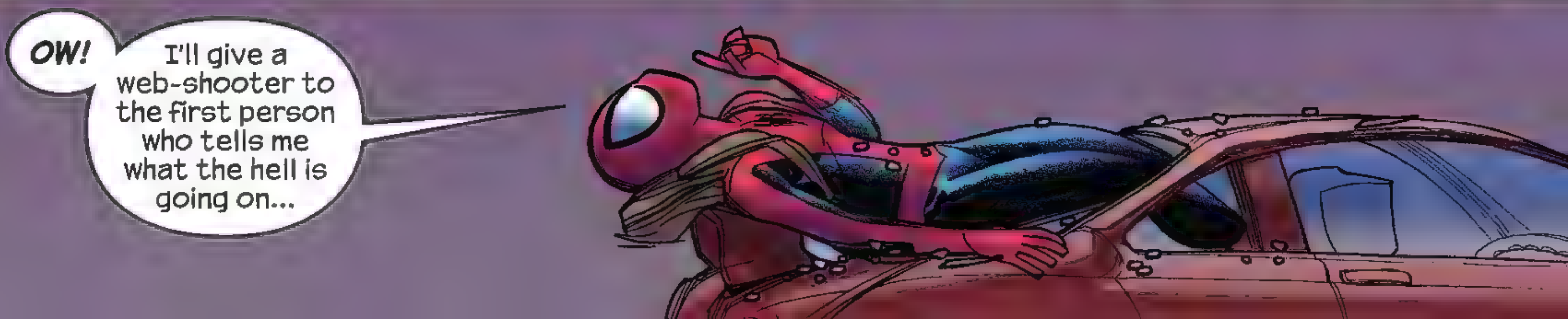
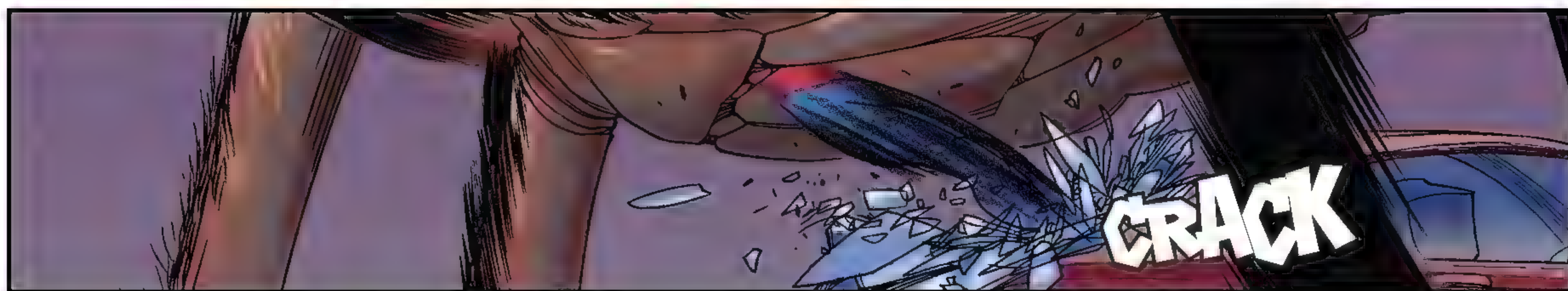
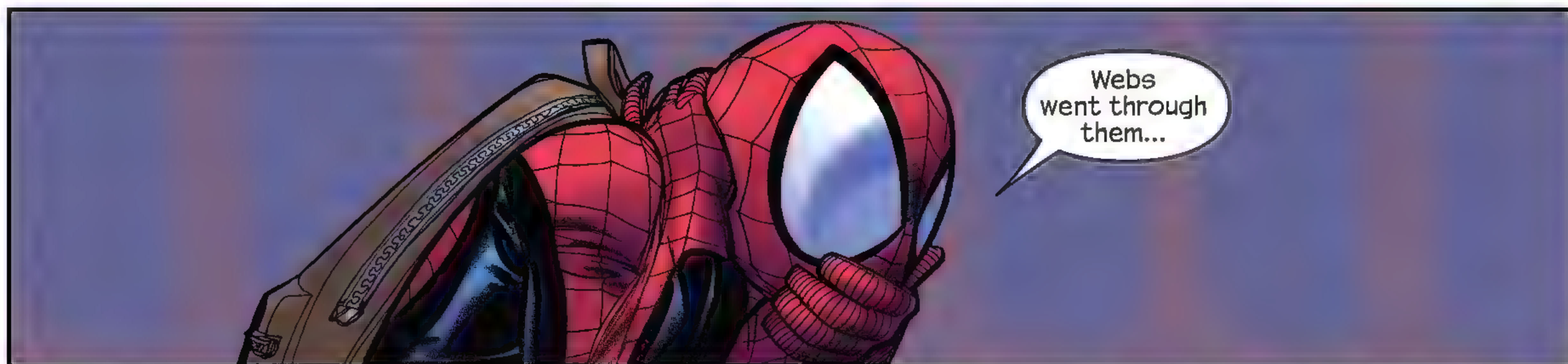
I'm telling
you!! Giant!
Like Godzilla
giant!!

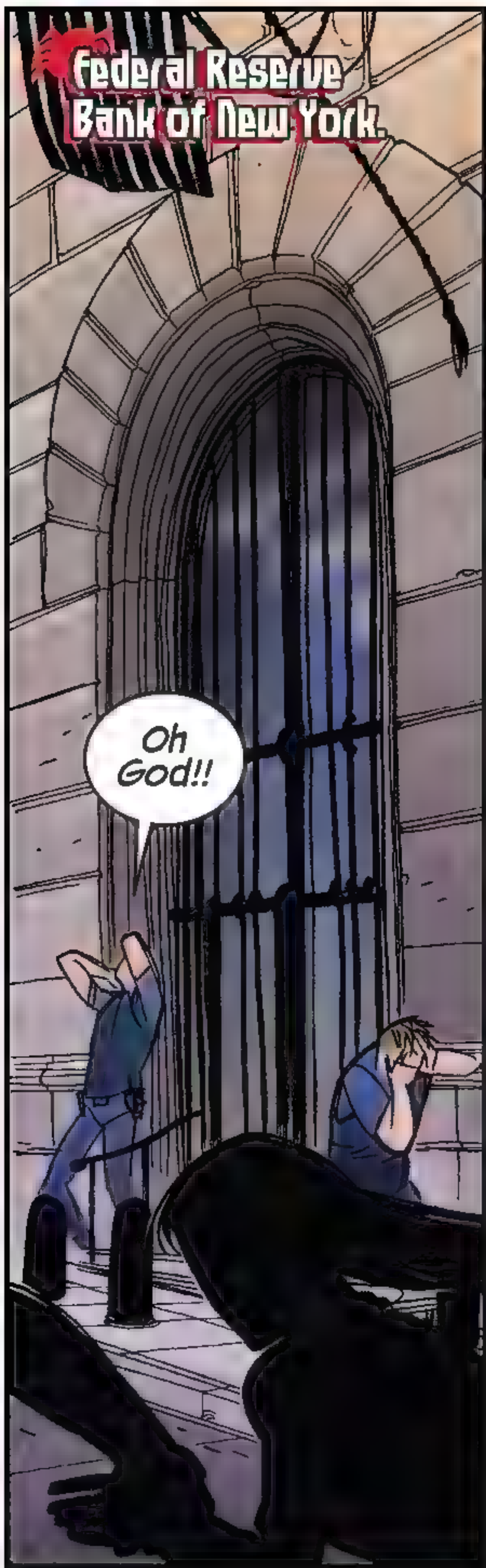
Why?? Why
is it always
New York??!!

AAAAIIIIIIIIII!!!!









Federal Reserve
Bank of New York

Oh
God!!



Make it
stop!!

PLEASE!!



Very
nice.



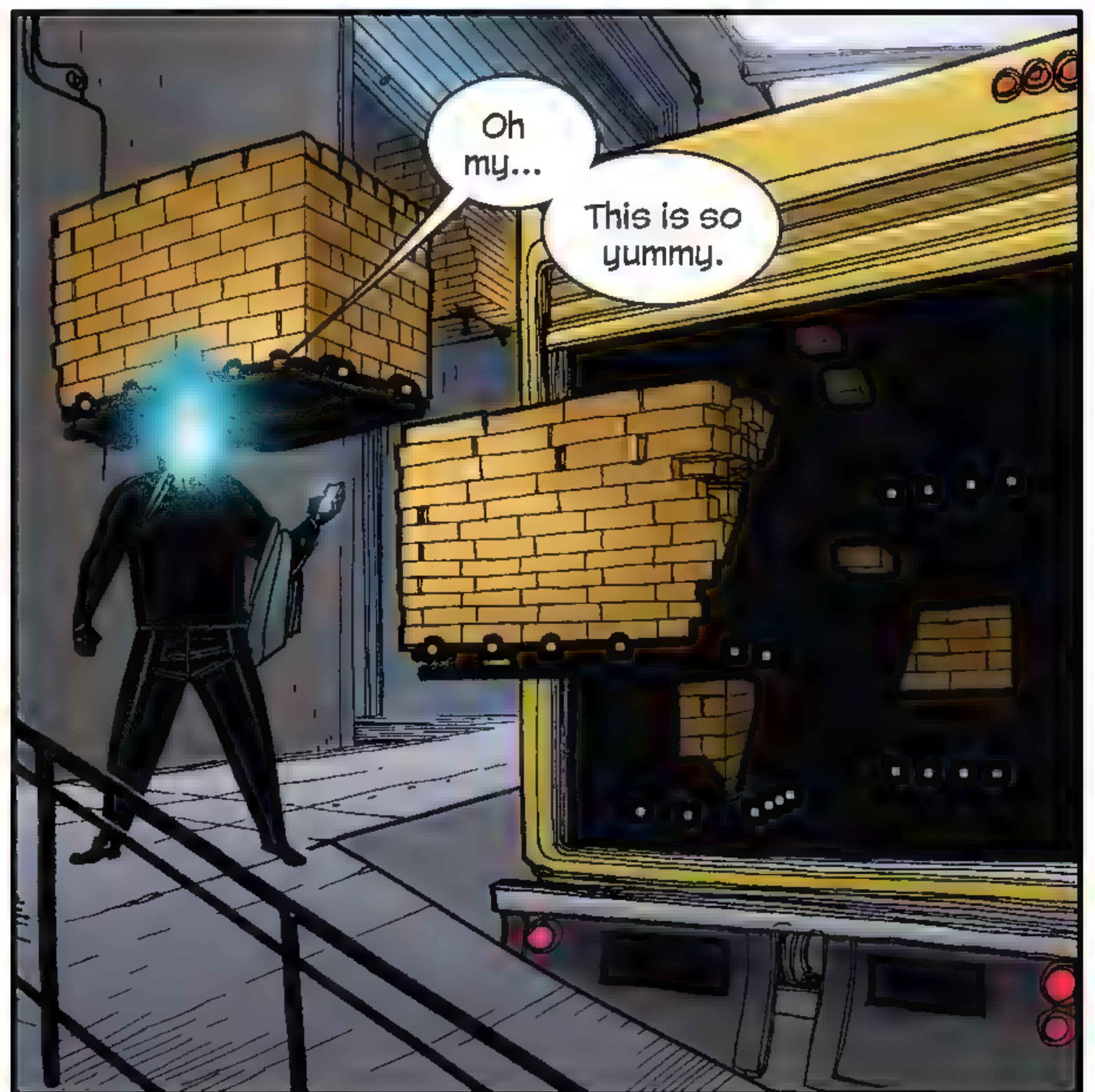
I know it feels
bad now, but it
will wear off in
about an hour.

Thank
you for your
time.

I can't--
don't--

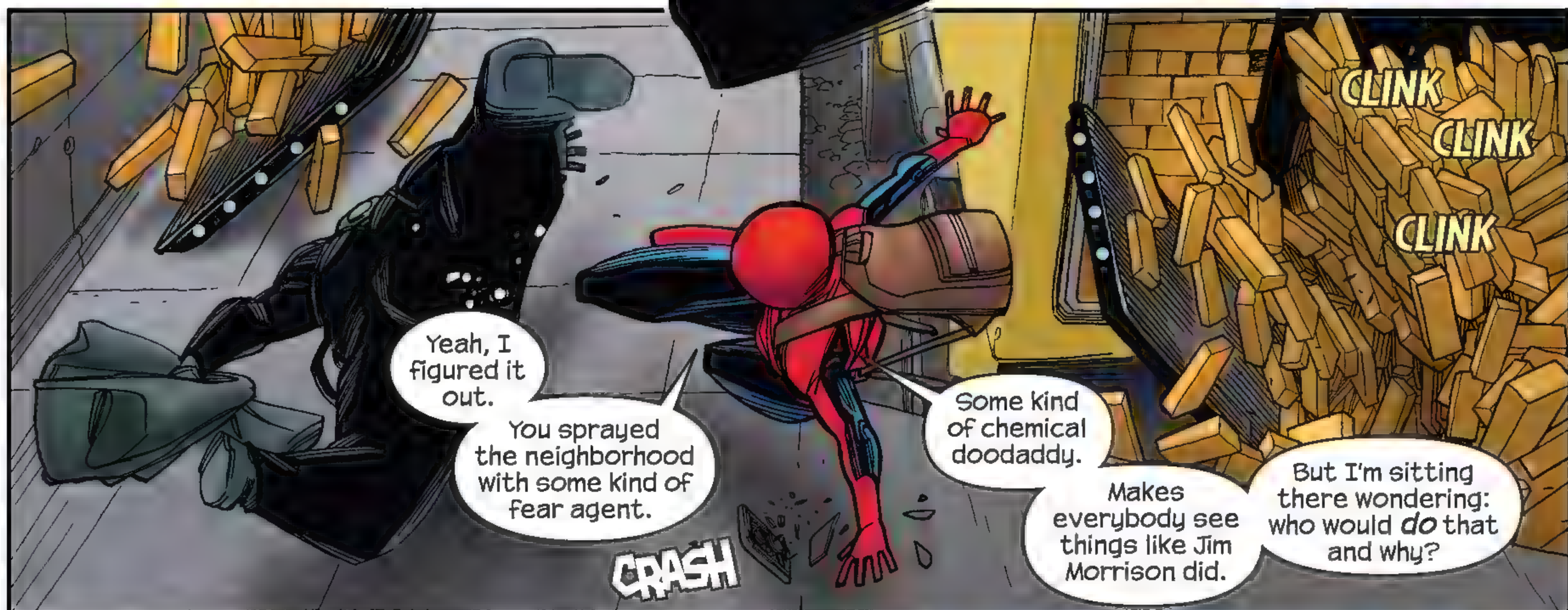
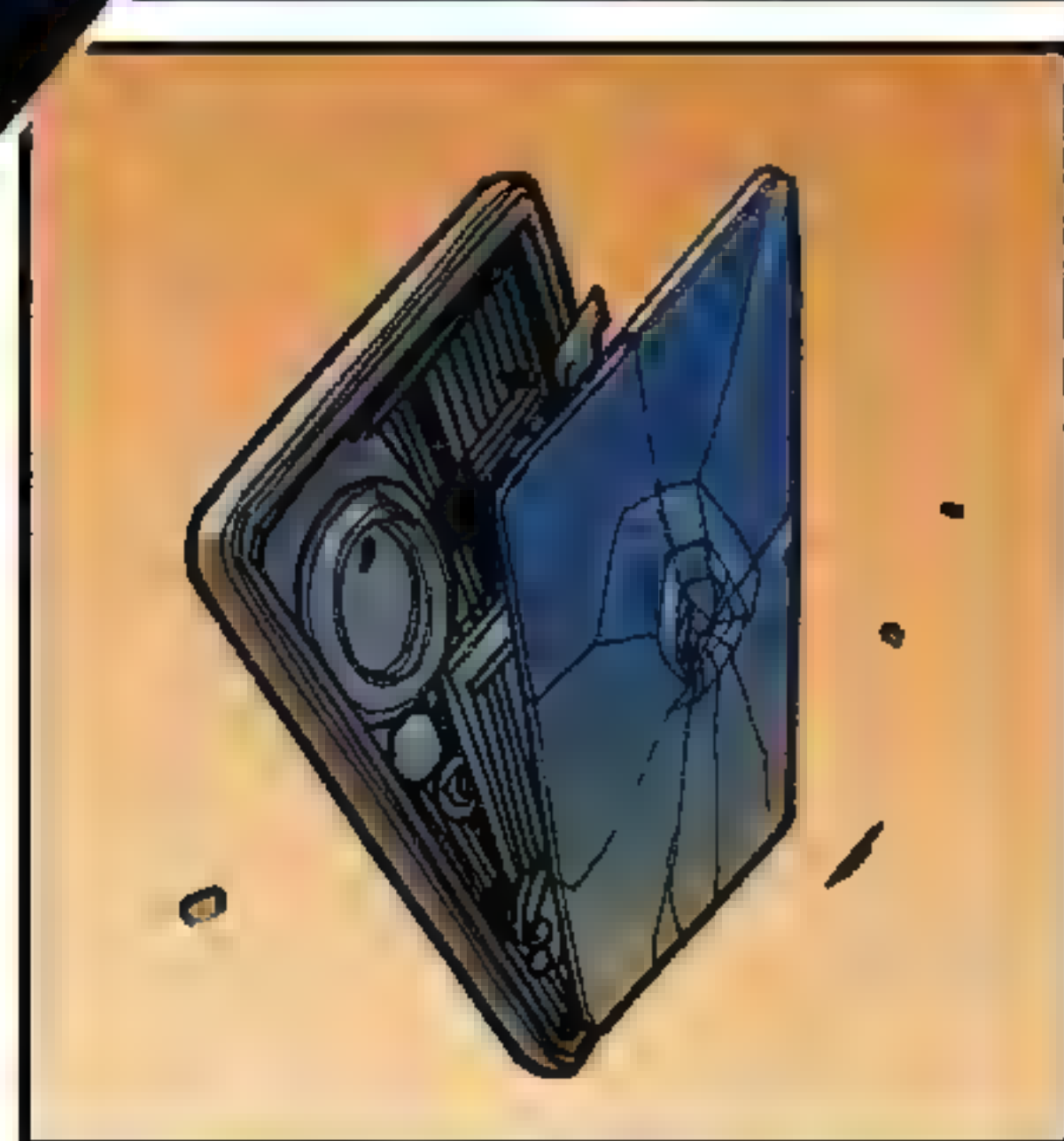
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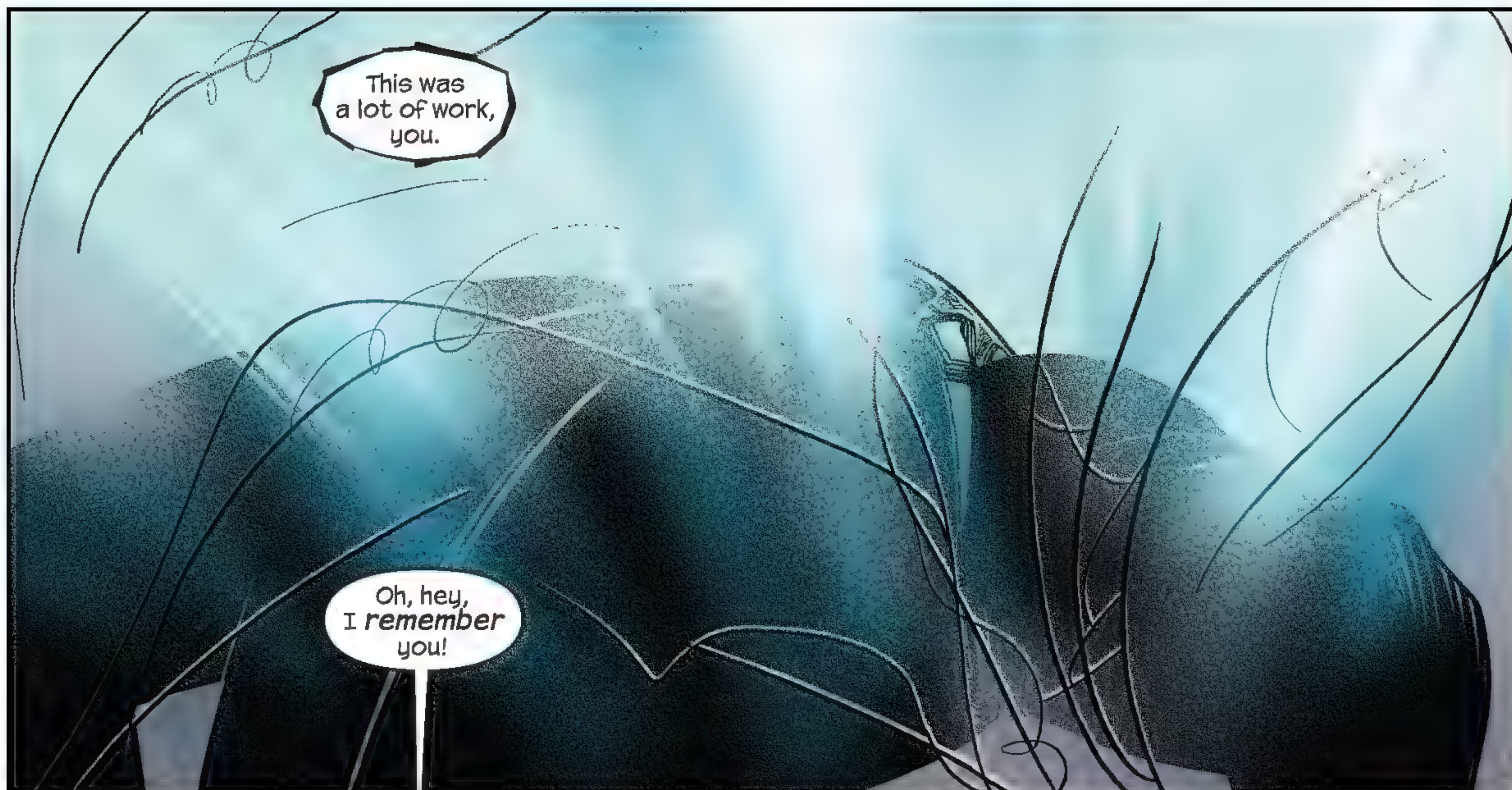
At least
you'll have a
hell of a story
to tell your
children.



Oh
my...

This is so
yummy.





This was
a lot of work,
you.

Oh, hey,
I **remember**
you!



Whoa! Okay,
how--agh--do you
do that??

Weeks
of work!!
Weeks!!

Agh!!

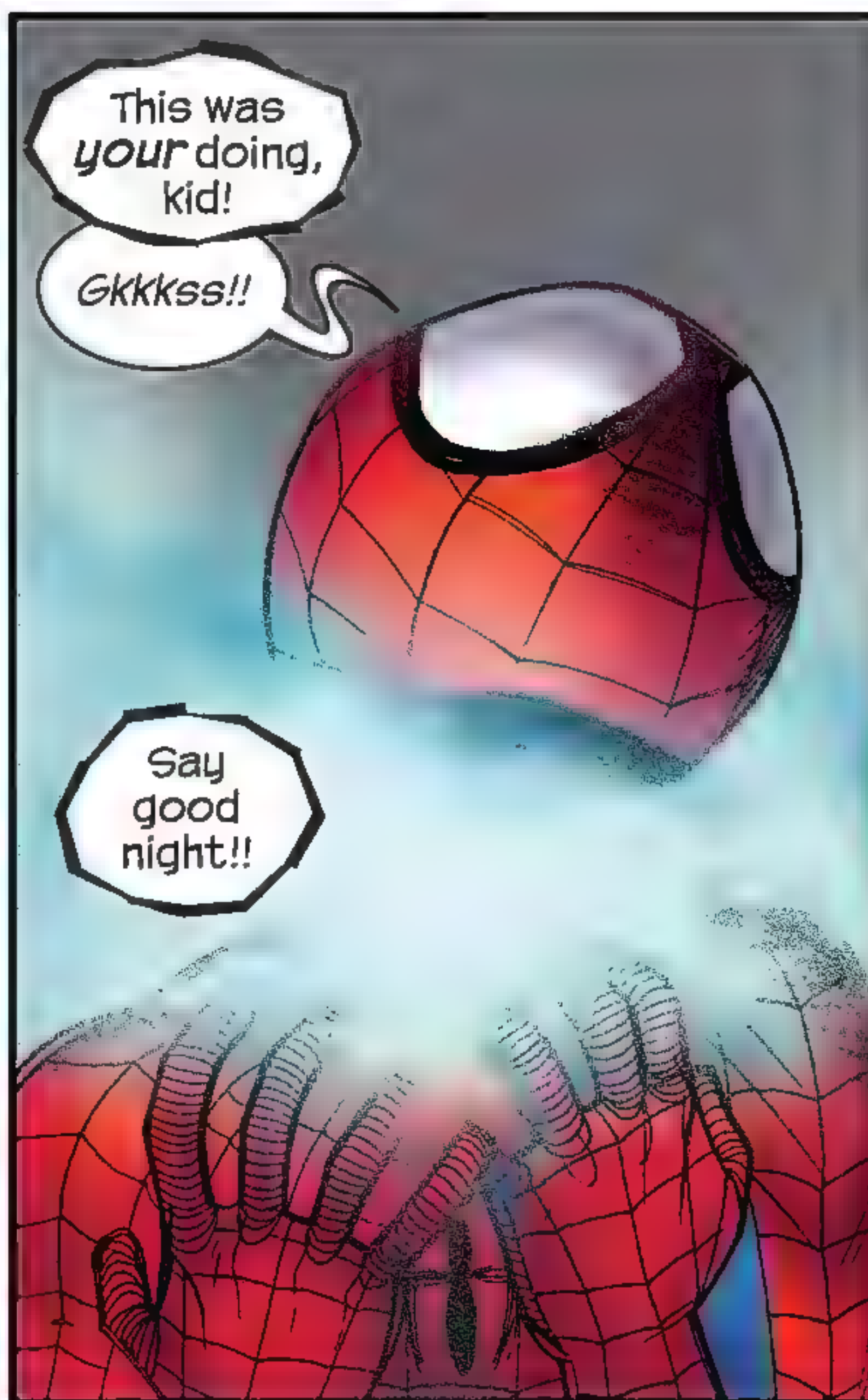


I don't want
to kill you, kid, but
you're making it
impossible to--

Seriously,
imagine if you took
all this cool stuff you
do and applied it to
something that
wasn't stupid.



Yagh!!



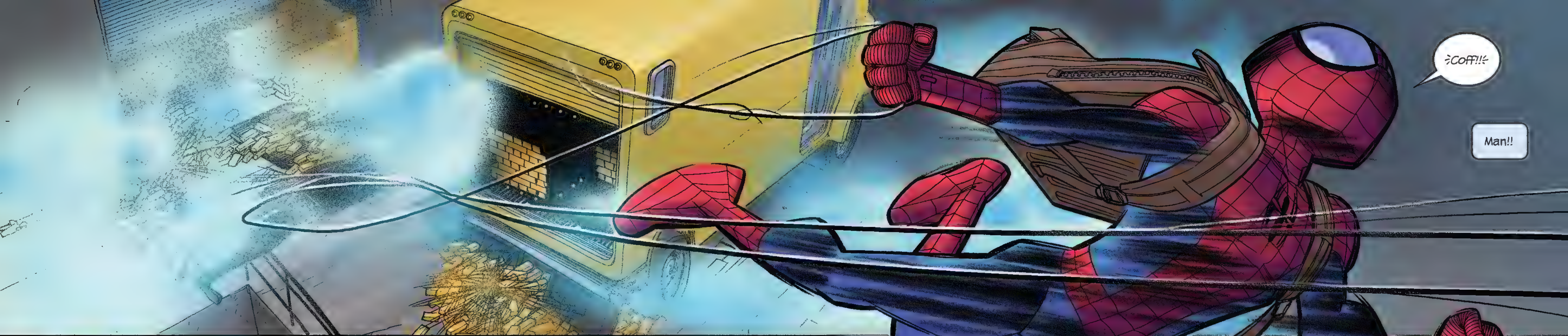
This was
your doing,
kid!

Gkkkss!!

Say
good
night!!

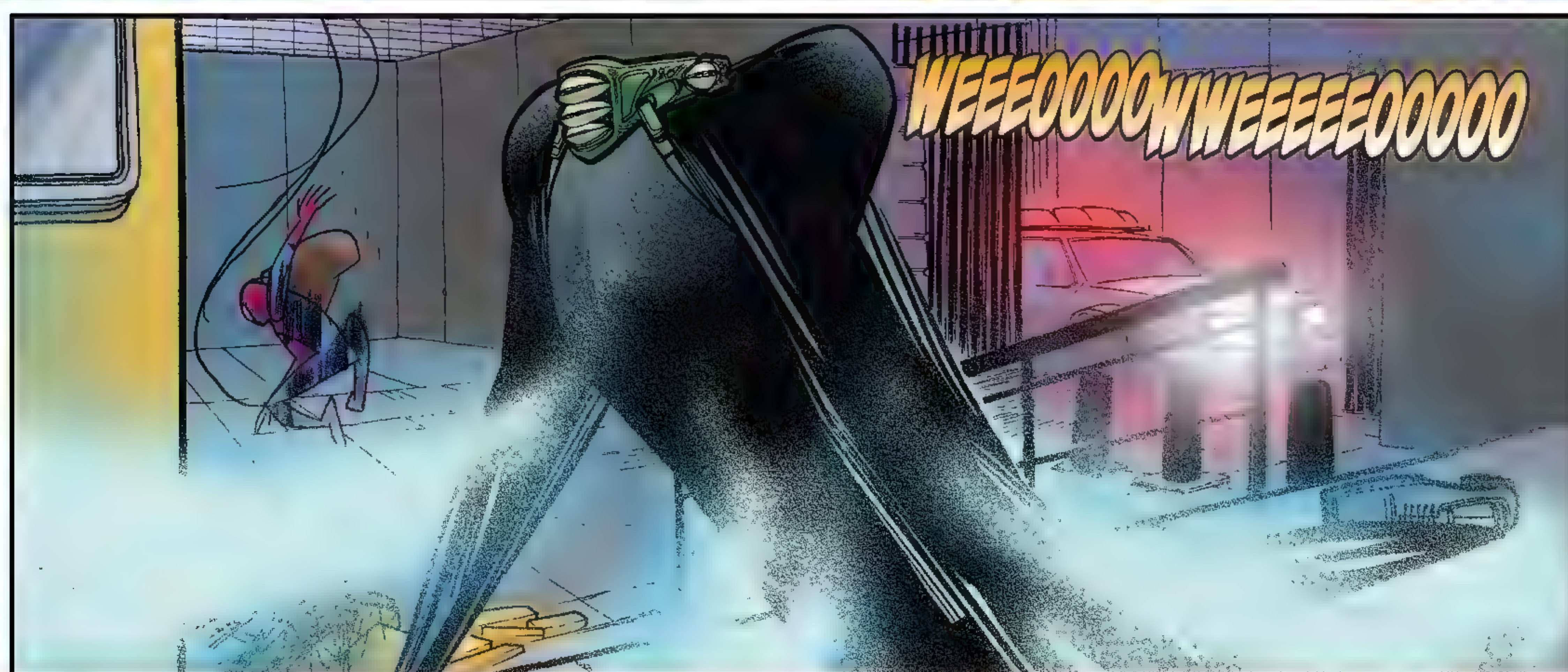


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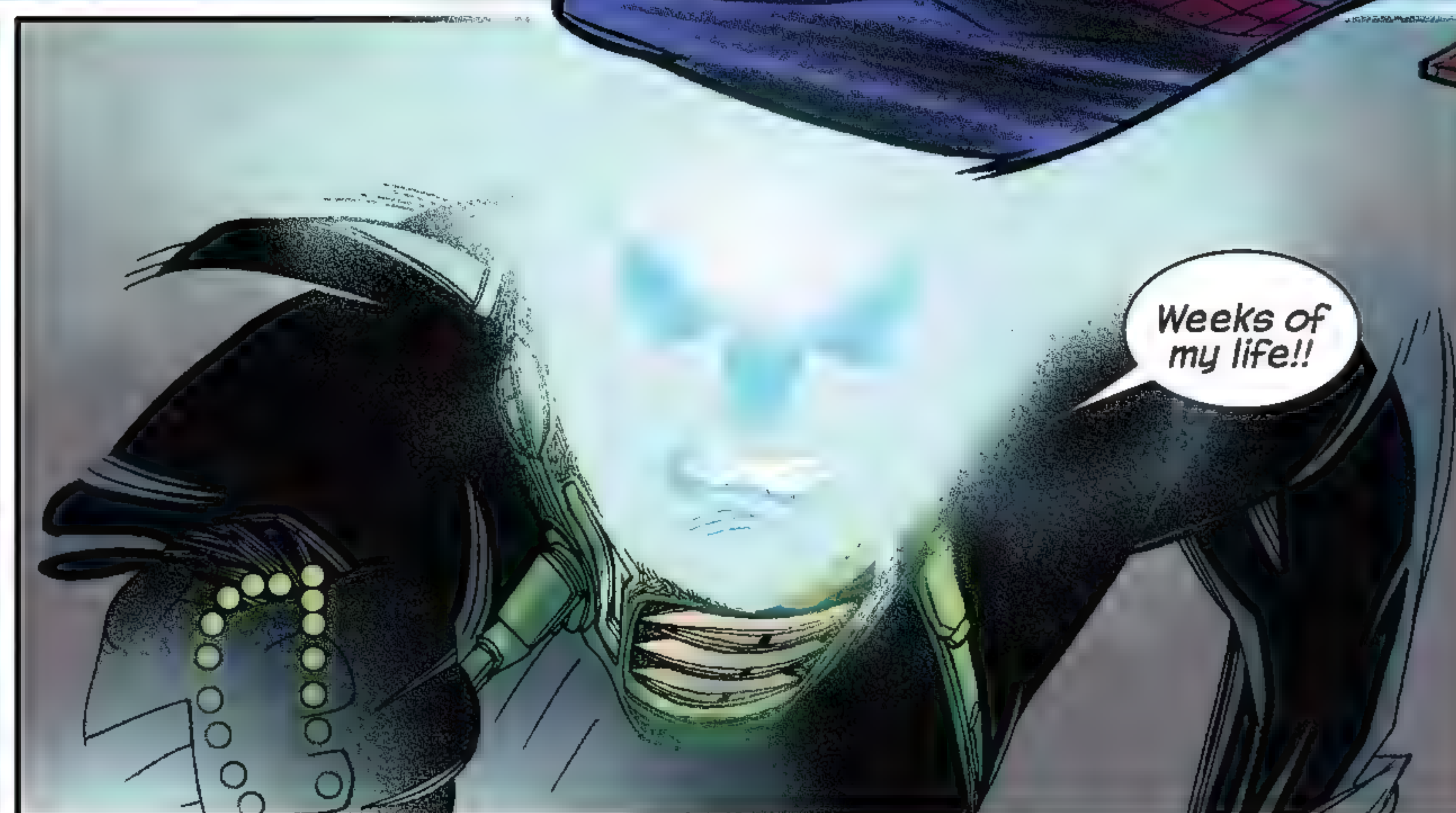


~Coff!!~

Man!!



WEEEOOOO WEEEEEEOOOO



Weeks of my life!!



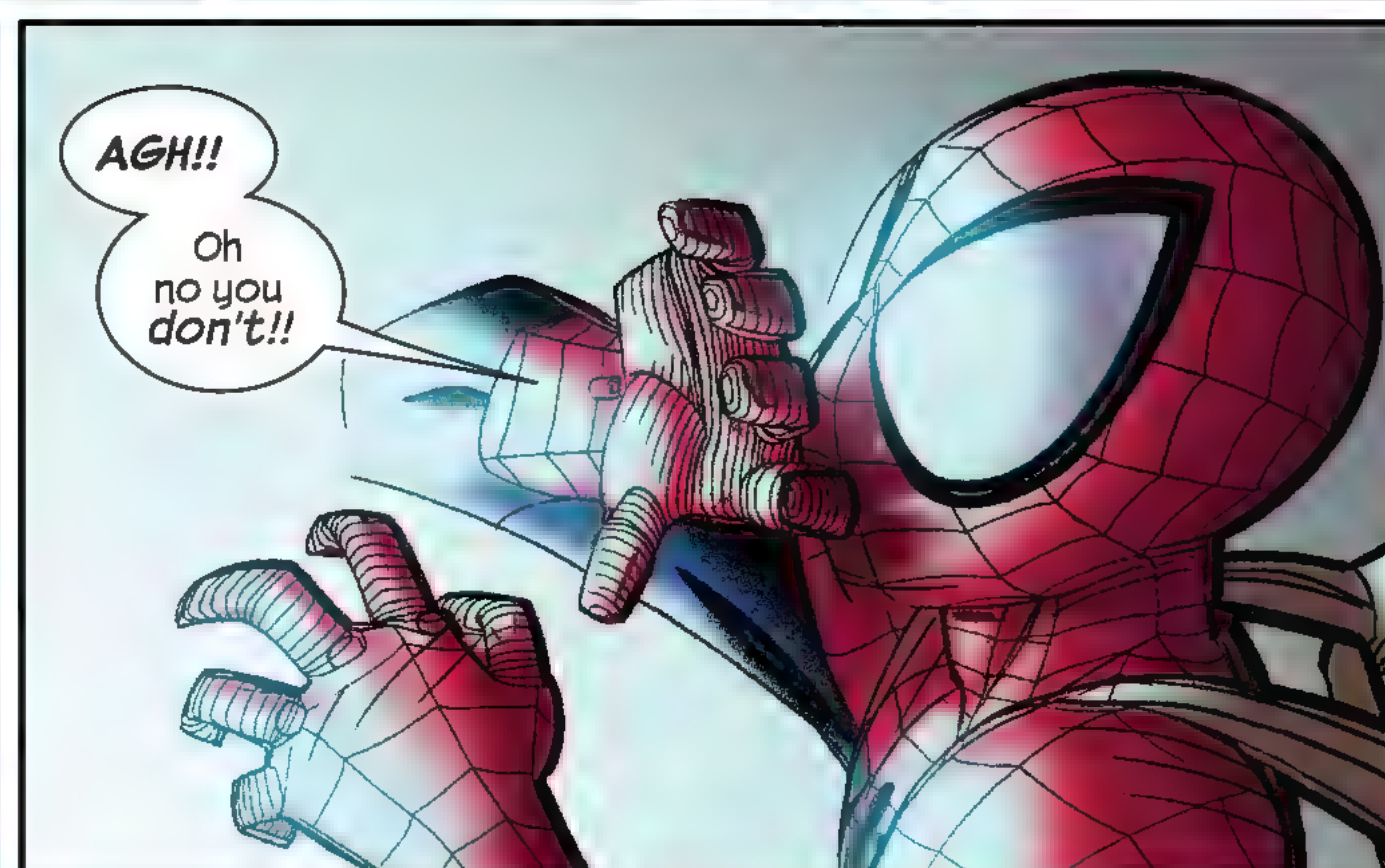
~Coff!!~

~Coff!!~



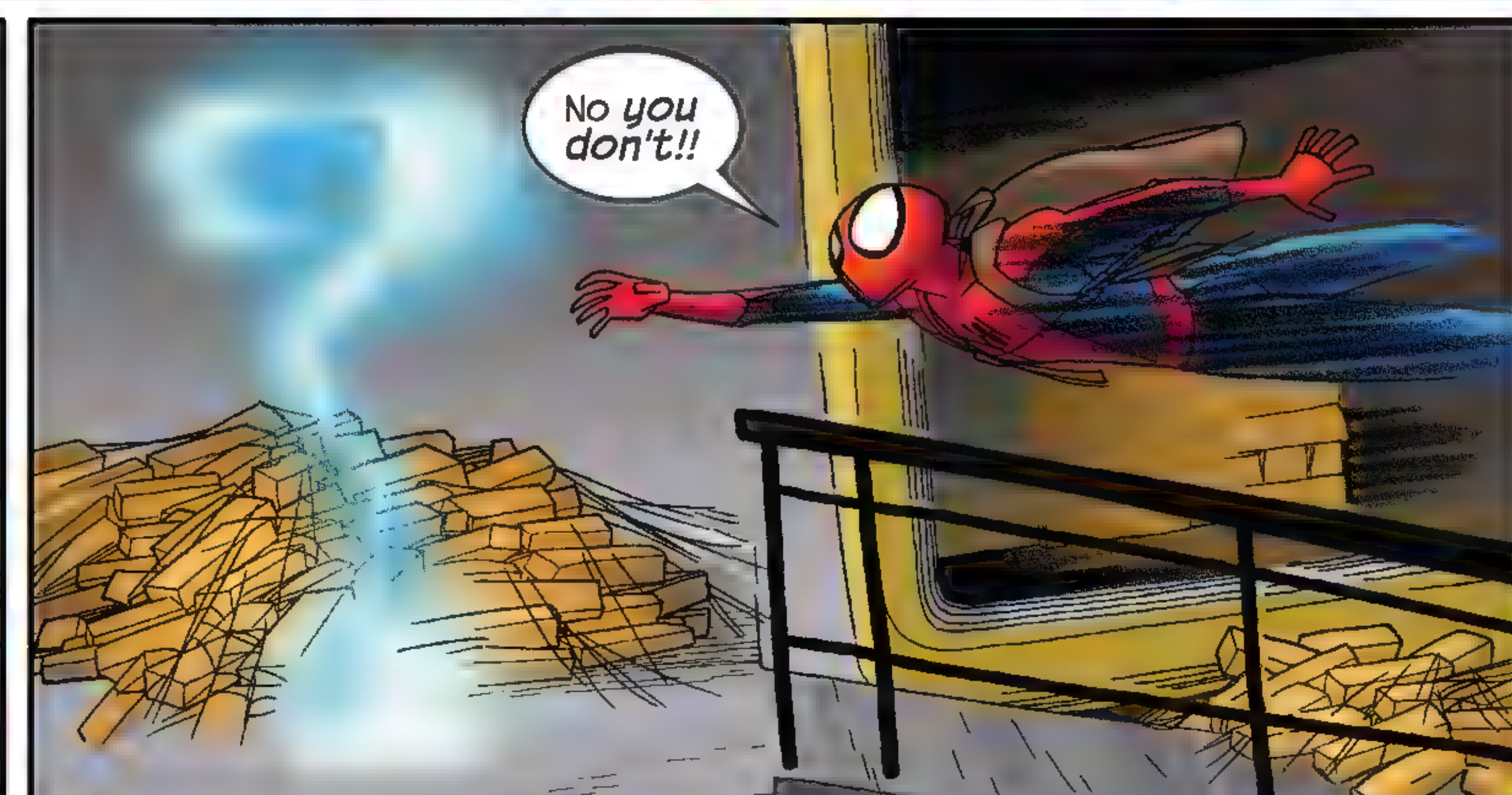
You and me, Kid!!

Now it's on.



AGH!!

Oh no you don't!!



No you don't!!



Oh...

Yes you did.

Damn!

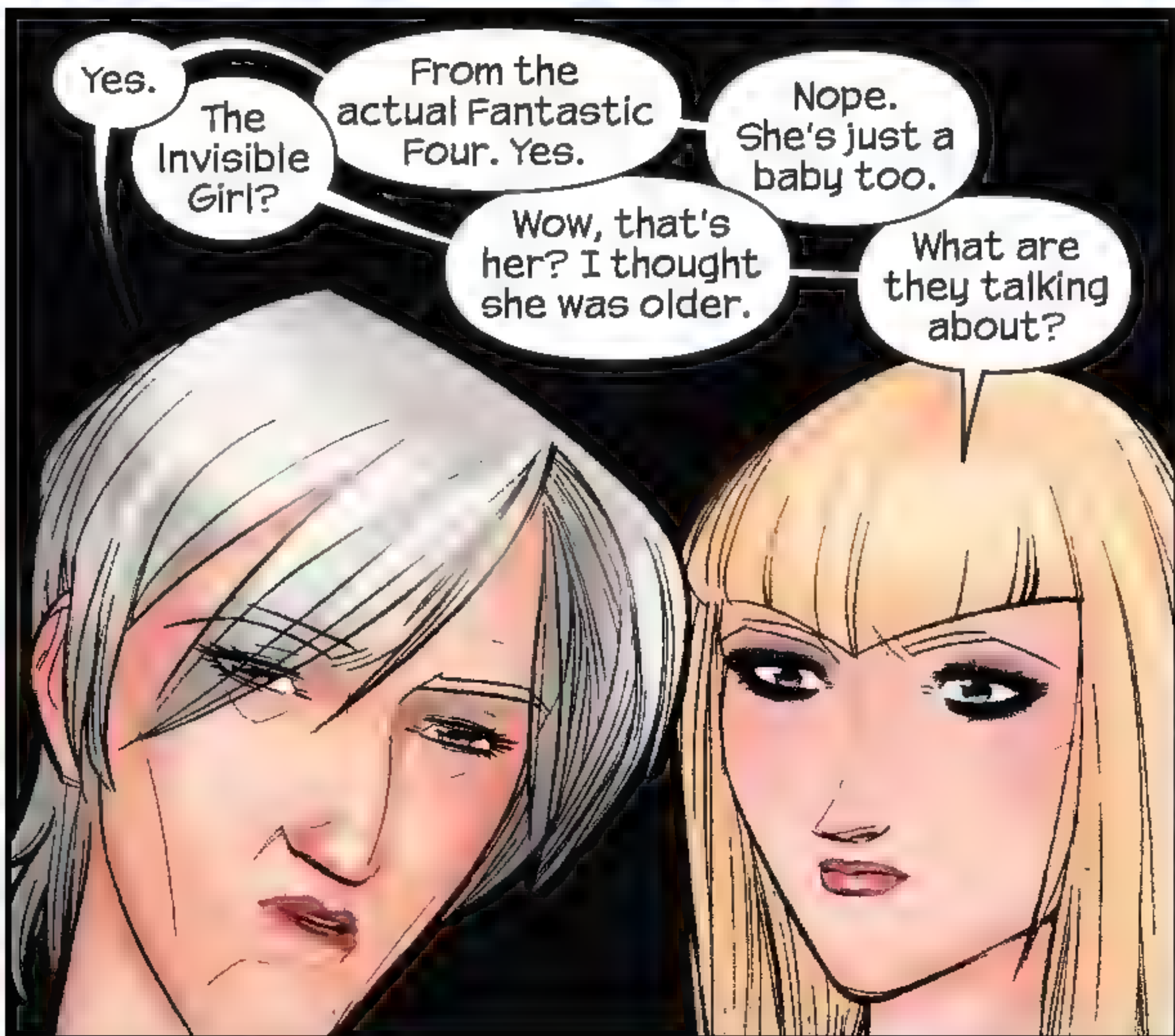
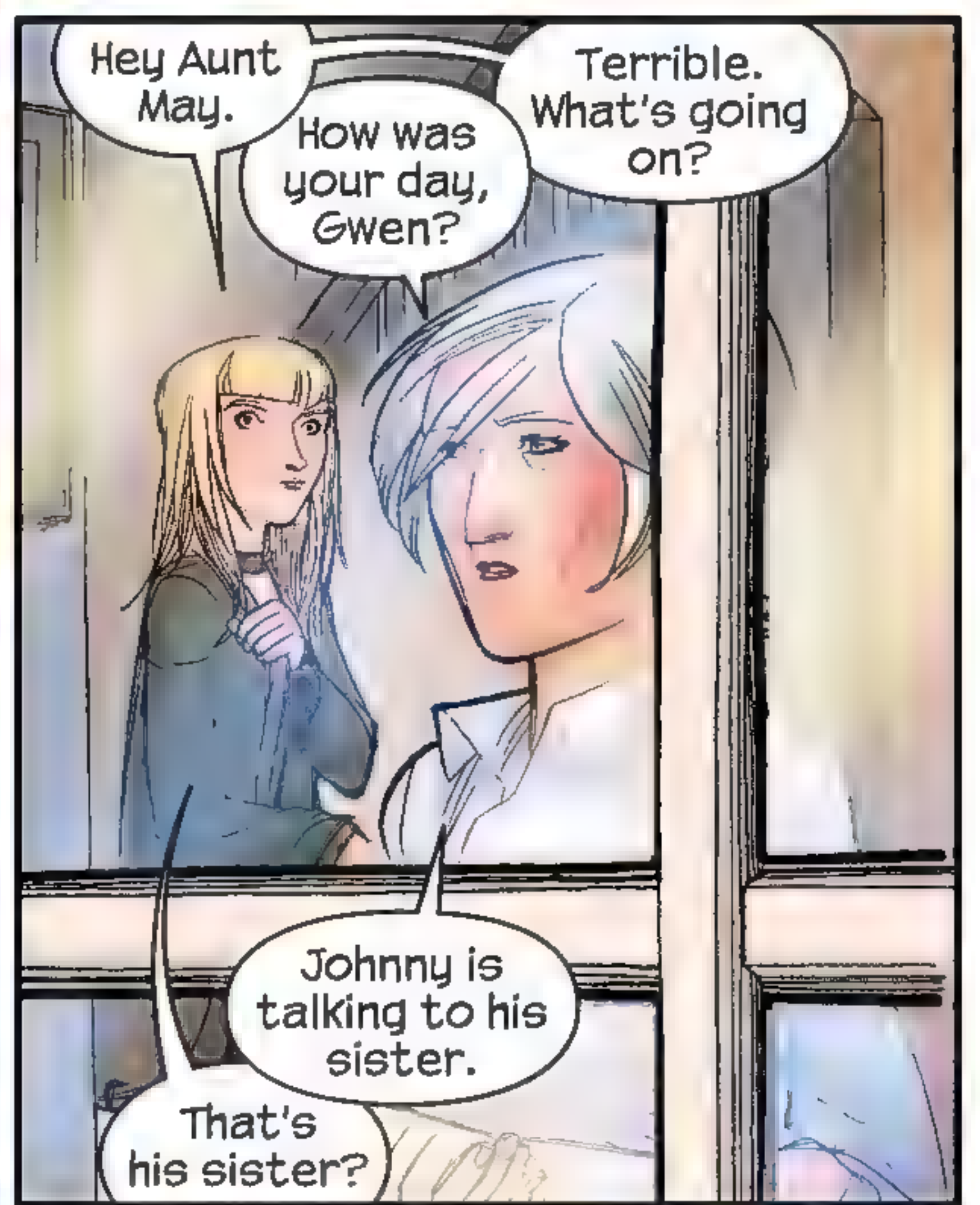
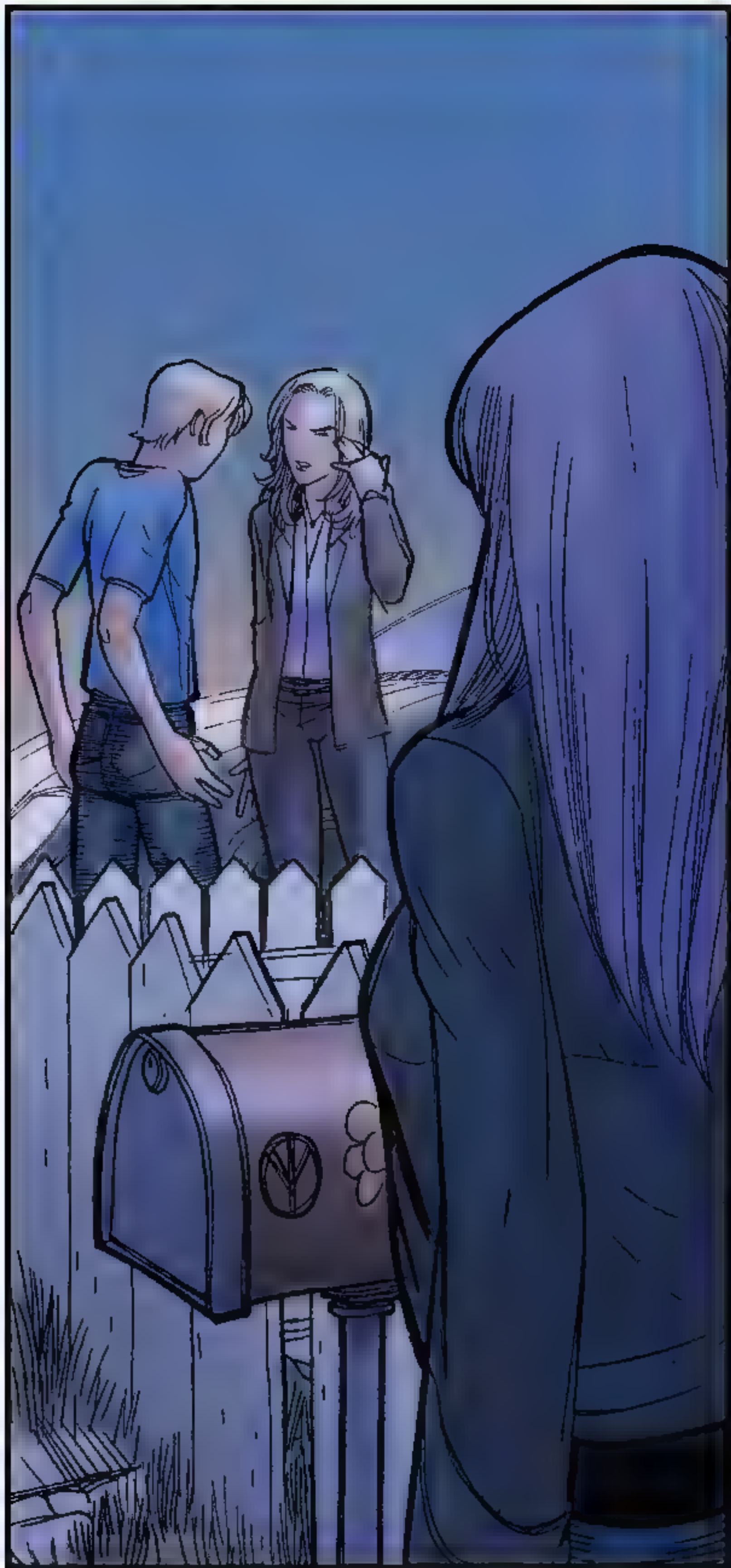
Holy...



Uh...

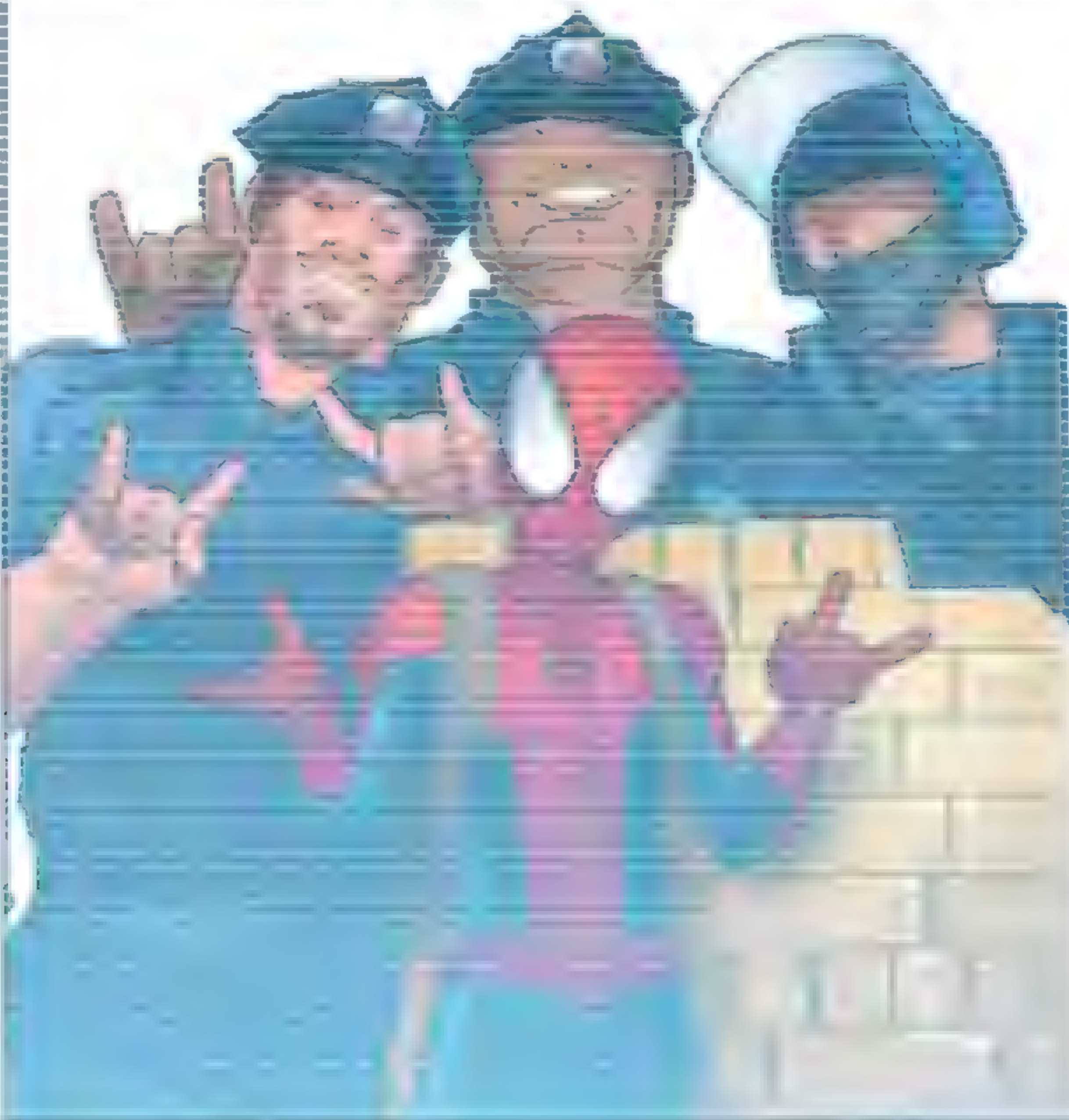
Heh...

This is not what it looks like.



TODAY'S HEADLINES

SPIDER-MAN STOPS MASSIVE GOLD HEIST. MYSTERIO TO BLAME.



NEW YORK (AP)-- It was bedlam in Midtown as the criminal who calls himself Mysterio used an illegal chemical agent to panic and confuse the rush hour traffic so he could attempt a daylight robbery of the Federal Reserve building.

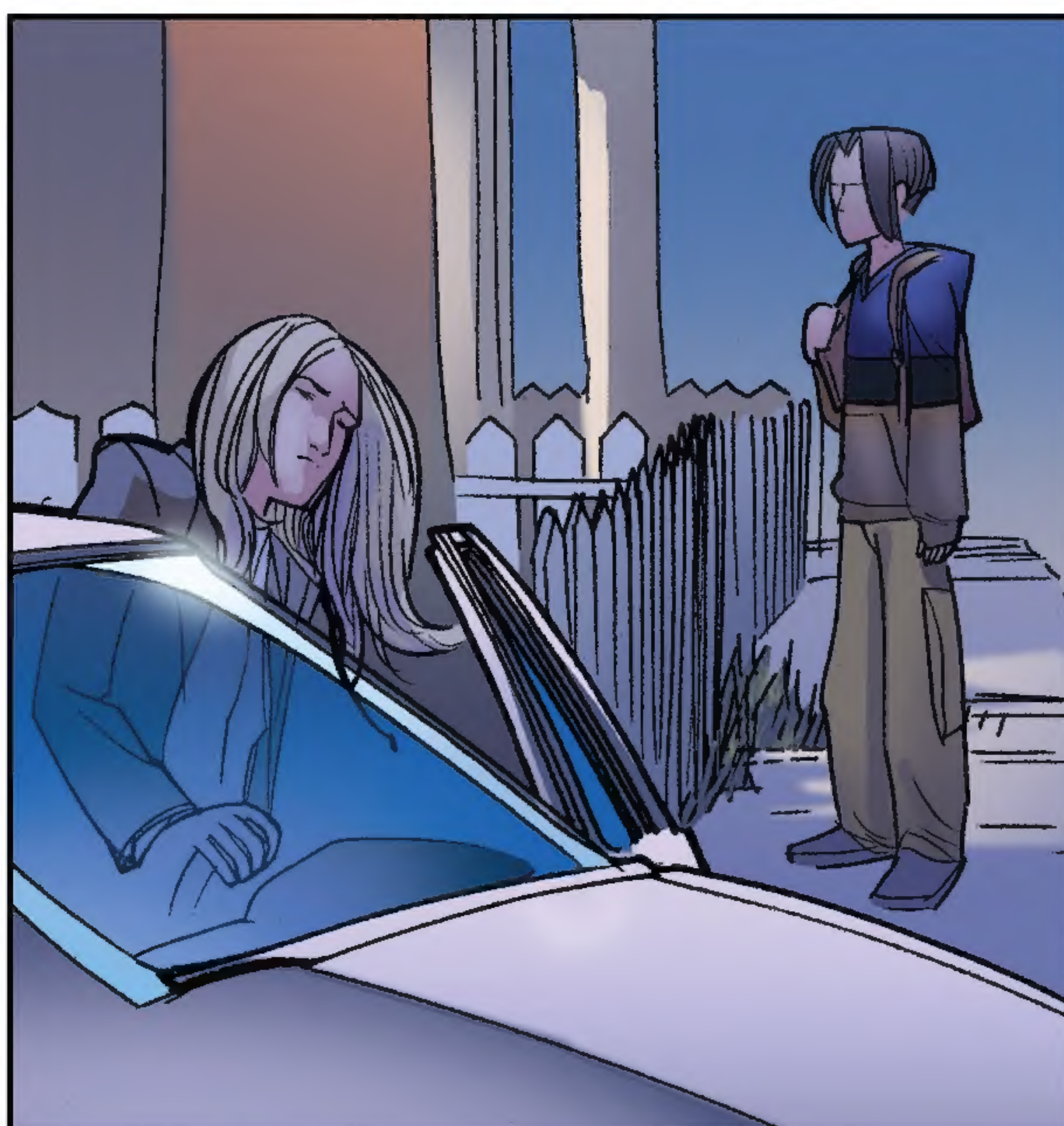
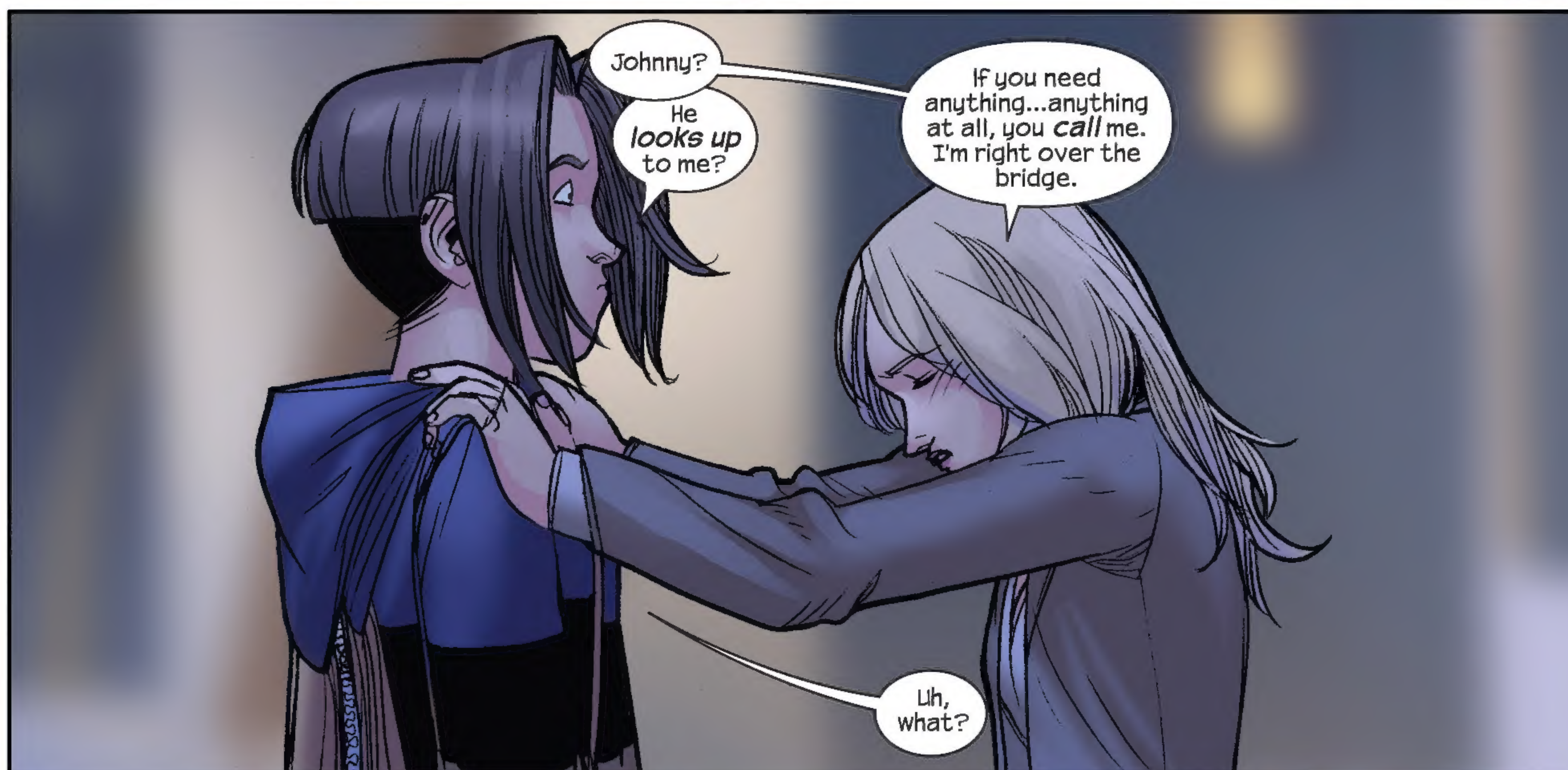
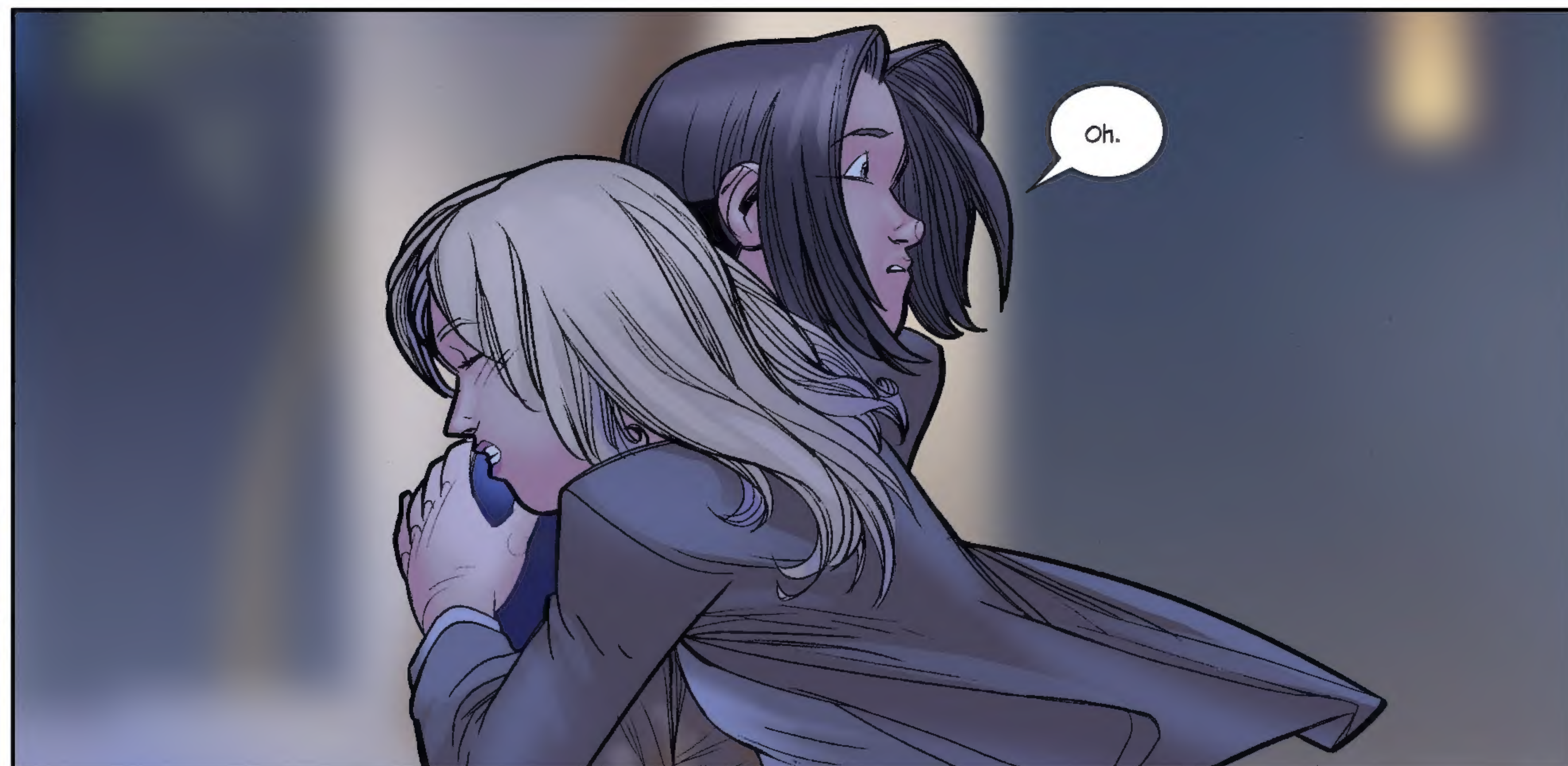
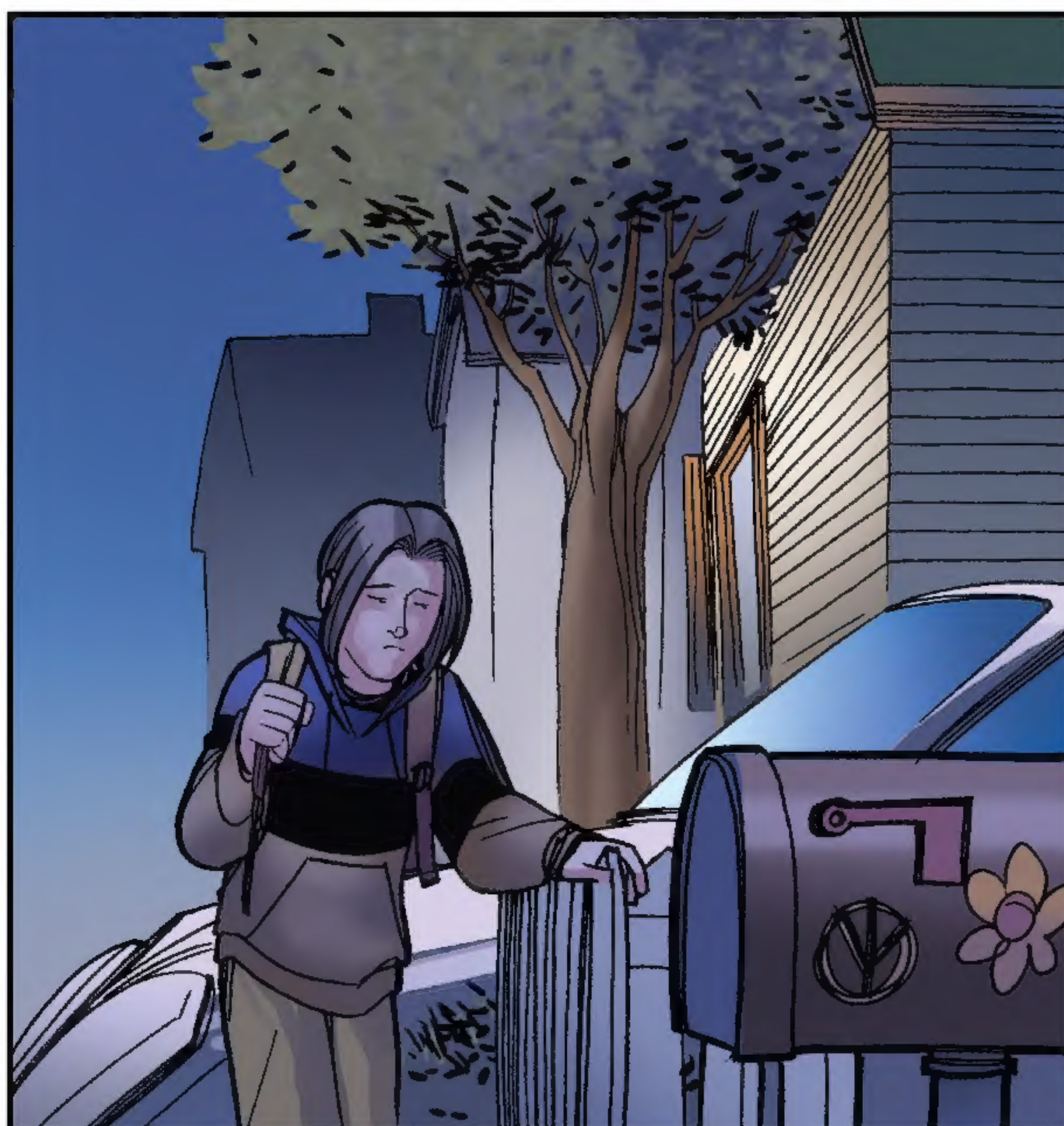
"This is easily one of the most daring attempted robberies in New York history," said Frank Thorn, local police captain. "If not for Spider-Man, I don't know if we would have been physically able to stop him."

Mysterio ran from the scene, but the gold was kept from him by Spider-Man's timely intervention. The Reserve refuses to comment on pending investigations, but made it clear that the bank is safe and will be taking extra precautions to counteract any similar attacks in the future.

This was the second daylight robbery Spider-Man intercepted in one day. Earlier in the afternoon, Spider-Man caught a mother-daughter mutant pair in the middle of a jewelry heist in Queens.

Spider-Man was not available for comment. The mayor publicly thanked Spider-Man on behalf of the city for his continued selfless acts of heroism.





Guess who lives here now!?

Come on, guess...

One hint: He's awesome and he lights on fire.

Okay, that was two...

Fine, I'll tell you... it's me!



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